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JAPANESE MANOEUVRE IN "RE-OPENING" OF YANGTSE EXPOSED BY THE PRESS

Frantically Seeking Foreign Friendship

SHANGHAI, DEC. 20 (REUTER)—THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR FOREIGN TRADERS AND FOREIGN POWERS TO JUMP TO ANY JOYFUL CONCLUSION OVER JAPAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RE-OPENING OF A SECTION OF THE YANGTSE TO SHIPPING, STATES THE CHINA PRESS IN A STRONG LEADER ON THE SUBJECT.

THE PAPER DECLARES THAT IT IS EVIDENT THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO RE-OPEN THE RIVER WAS A POLITICAL MOVE DESIGNED THE PLACATE FOREIGN POWERS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES.

The China Press adds that the declaration of impending partial removal of shipping restrictions were timed precisely at a moment when Japan was frantically seeking foreign friendship—at a moment when Japan's statesmen believe that an eleventh hour change of sentiment in the United States might save her Trade Treaty.

Such a desire on the part of Japan, the journal continues, is to be welcomed full-heartedly but the ultimate usefulness is dependent upon the practical measures to be taken in removing the restrictions.

The absence of a date in the announcement leads one to think that Japan is, tossing the red herring in the general direction of the United States and other foreign Powers. In omitting the date Japan is apparently waiting to see what will happen on December 28, 1939, the date of expiration of the Japanese-American Treaty of Commerce and Navigation.

The announcement clearly indicates that Japan intends to allow third Powers ships to navigate the Yangtse provided the foreigners "behave."

RIGHT TO NAVIGATE

The right to navigate the Yangtse, which third Powers possess by virtue of international treaties, is thus being passed out by Japan as a measure of Japanese generosity. If foreign nations are to continue trade in China they must, and can

only trade, by virtue of treaty rights, the paper adds, concluding that their interests and businesses cannot long survive if they are to be made dependent on the caprices of Japanese generosity and Japanese diplomatic grace.

Foreign Powers are eager to capture up-river trade but wisdom dictates they must think and look twice before they bite.

CHINESE COMMENTS

The partial re-opening of the Yangtse River will not benefit the United States although it is so purported, declares the Ta Kung Wan Pao in an editorial.

Firstly, as foreign commercial interests on the river are largely centred in the area between Wuhu and Hankow, the opening of the river up to Nanking will serve no useful purpose.

Secondly, the re-opening is accompanied by many restrictions. Thirdly, America's trade on the Yangtse has been unimportant as compared with that of other Powers, her properties in China being mostly in the form of missions and schools.

The re-opening of the river, the journal opines, is merely a gesture.

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Australia Replies To Propaganda

FIRST NATIONAL BROADCAST

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Speaking on the first shortwave national broadcast conducted by the Australian Government, Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister, declared that Australia decided, because so many strange things were said, about Australia by some propaganda stations, that the time had come to speak for herself.

Although 12,000 miles away from Europe, Australia was involved in the European war acting in co-partnership with Britain.

Germany began the war and is carrying it on in order to conquer people other than her own—Czech, Slovaks and Poles and who knew what others tomorrow.

If Germany's only rule was military power then no small nation in Europe would be secure and once Europe is under the overlordship of Germany then no small nation in the world could feel secure.

"We in Australia are fortunate because we are indisputably bound to a very great power whose interests and ideals are ours and who will protect us if necessary."

Mr. Menzies declared: "We are not benevolent neutrals. We are belligerent partners and we are in this war to win. We did not enter it lightly and would not depart from it except as victors."

S.N.O. YANGTSE PROMOTED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Rear-Admiral R. Vesey Hott, Senior British Naval Officer on the Yangtse, has been promoted Vice-Admiral in H.M. Fleet, with effect from December 15, 1939.

Goodwill Mission



Members of the Burmese Goodwill Mission in Chungking photographed with Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

"HERR SCUTTLE"

LONDON, Dec. 20 (BWS)—In neutral as well as in the British press the practice of scuttle is inevitably interpreted as indicating the German Government's despair of winning the war.

The Daily Herald in a leading article, headed "Herr Scuttler," asks why the Columbus sent herself to the bottom.

"There was no need for it. She was in no danger of capture. She need never have left Vera Cruz. She could have run into any United States harbour and stayed there for the duration of the war and gone home after the war—if Germany won."

"This harakiri policy can mean just one thing: the German High Command fear they are going to lose the war and that at the end their ships will become Allied property."

IDENTITY OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BRITISH STATESMEN AND GEN. CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Dr. Sun Fo Reveals Full Details Of Interviews Held In London

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Interesting details of the interviews which the Presidents of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Sun Fo, had with Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George, the veteran British politician, in London, during his recent visit to Europe, are revealed in an article published by the Central Daily News, the official organ of the Chinese Government.

Dr. Sun Fo is said to have declared that when he was in London and listened on Mr. Churchill's broadcast, he was struck by the identity of his views to the statements made by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

He called the next day to see Mr. Churchill and told him his impressions.

Dr. Sun Fo told the Central Daily News: "Mr. Churchill, in reply, said that the purpose of Britain's war with Germany was similar to China's war against Japan, both being for resistance against aggression."

Dr. Sun Fo said that both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George criticised the British Government's policy during recent years saying that the present European situation was the result of the policy of appeasement.

HELP FOR CHINA

Dr. Sun Fo added that both statesmen advocated British assistance to China. The opinion of the British public was that British Far Eastern

policy would remain unchanged.

SOVIET SYMPATHY

In a survey of the European press Dr. Sun Fo said that the Soviet press paid most attention to Chinese news. Not only did it publish more Chinese news, but it gave it the greatest prominence.

He emphasised that Soviet interest in China and her sympathy must not be overlooked.

BRITISH AIMS

Britain was adopting tactics for prolonged warfare. Britain's aims and slogans very much similar to what the Chinese have been upholding during the past two years of the hostilities against Japan.

In conclusion, Dr. Sun Fo expressed the opinion that the position of the smaller nations in Europe in war was very difficult.

"Only when Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Three Peoples Principles are realised will human butchery cease," he declared.

CUNARD LINER IN MISHAP

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Cunard liner Samaria returned to the port from whence she sailed this morning for the United States following a collision at sea.

The lifeboats and bridge were damaged but nobody was injured. There were several hundred American passengers on board.

BIRTHDAY OF STALIN

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Central)—The Sino-Soviet Cultural Relations Institute will hold a tea reception here in honour of M. Stalin on the occasion of his 60th birthday anniversary tomorrow.

A telegram of felicitations was sent to the Soviet leader.

CHINESE FIGHT BACK IN KWANGSI: HEAVY STREET FIGHTING GOING ON IN KAIFENG

DOMESTIC LOAN IN HOLLAND

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20 (Havas)—The Domestic Loan of 300,000,000 Guilders issued recently was only subscribed up to 250,000,000 guilders.

The Premier, M. Degeer, admitted that the Government wanted to test the possibility of a "free loan." He added that wartime loans must be "half forced" and announced the notation of a new similar loan.

Artillery In Action On Central Hupeh Front

ON THE KWANGSI FRONT, Dec. 20 (Central)—Chinese troops continue to push back on the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning Wuming highway.

On the Nanning-Pinyang highway they have advanced as far as Liutang and Wutang, approximately 20 miles north-east of Nanning. Forty truckloads of Japanese reinforcements were intercepted and surrounded at Liutang yesterday morning. Owing to the destruction of the highways and bridges, they were unable either to proceed or retreat.

On the Nanning-Wuming highway, the Chinese once again recaptured Kaofengao, 14 miles north of Nanning, the day before yesterday. About 1,000 Japanese there were defeated.

Nail, north-east of Yanchow, was also recaptured yesterday morning. The Japanese stationed there were routed in a four-hour engagement. However, fighting broke out again when Japanese reinforcements arrived from Kuchating, a point in the neighbourhood.

HEAVY STREET FIGHTING
LOYANG, Dec. 19 (Central)—A refugee from Kaifeng stated that street fighting was still going on

in Kaifeng yesterday morning when he fled by the south city gate, which had been taken by the Chinese.

The city was drowned in the explosions of shells and bombs and the rat-tat-tat of machine-guns, and was shrouded by smoke and fire.

The Chinese troops smashed into the city before dawn last Saturday. The people were abruptly awakened from their sleep by sharp gun fire.

Confusion immediately prevailed. Several big fires were started and heavy explosions were heard from the Japanese ammunition dump.

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PERSONAL TALK

Hitler And Mussolini

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
ROME, Dec. 20 (Havas)—In preparation for a personal talk between Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini is said to be the main object of Herr Himmler's arrival here which has aroused the keenest interest among politicians.

It is recalled that during his last visit to Italy, Herr Himmler raised several pending questions between Italy and Germany, namely, the transfer of Germans from High Adige (formerly Tyrol) and also the question of numerous desertions of Austrians to Italy.

23 NAZI SHIPS SUNK BY CREWS

Special to the H.K. Daily Press
MEXICO, Dec. 20 (Havas)—The scuttling of the Columbus brings to 23 the number of German ships sunk by their crews with a total tonnage of 139,423. German ships captured by the Allies total 18, aggregating 88,298 tons.

Serious Disorganisation In The Affairs Of H.K. Branch Of National Association For Care Of War Orphans

MME. CHIANG'S REPRESENTATIVE HERE TO EXAMINE SITUATION

Special to the Hongkong Daily Press.

SERIOUS DISORGANISATION IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE HONGKONG BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE OF WAR ORPHANS, which has in the past year caused more than one change of director and staff, several instances of grave trouble among the children and the threatened withdrawal of valuable support by prominent philanthropists, has reached such a stage where Madame Chiang Kai-shek, as president of the parent institution at Chungking, has dispatched a special representative to Hongkong to examine the situation with a view to taking over the control and administration of the local Home.

This move is opposed by the executive committee of 22 Hongkong Chinese women who have been in charge of the Home here since its inception. The committee will meet tomorrow morning to discuss the question.

Madame Chiang's representative, Miss Chen Kai-yin, who is also secretary general of the national Association, new to Hongkong recently and spent several days here investigating the affairs of the Home.

The trip was the result of complaints received by Madame

Chiang from more than one source. In particular, it is learned that a well-known American philanthropist and social worker, Mrs. J. Archbold, had personally written to China's First Lady outlining her reasons for not responding to an appeal for support.

It is also learned that, pending a definite decision regarding the future of the Hongkong Branch of the Association, the children will not remove to the fine, commodious premises already completed at Fanling, in the New Territories.

The premises, which have been presented by Mr. Aw Boon-haw,

the Tiger Balm magnate, may be placed at the disposal of the national institution at Chungking.

TROUBLE AND DISSENSION
A thorough, impartial investigation conducted by a staff member of the Hongkong Daily Press reveals a story of trouble and dissension of the life of the Home almost from the start.

The local institution, which is located in the former premises of the Government Civil Hospital in Salyingpung, was started in June, 1938. Although working hand in hand with the parent association and its other branches in China, the local institution is distinct and independent as far as financial matters and general administration are concerned.

Control is vested in the executive committee, the members of which are chosen from among leading Chinese women's organisations in the Colony.

The first director of the Hongkong home was Miss Irene Ho Tung, daughter of Sir Robert Ho Tung. The director had above her the executive committee, and under her was a staff of teachers, nurses and voluntary workers.

300 ORPHANS

The local Home provided refuge for about 300 war orphans of both sexes.

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In the World of Sports

SOCCER REVIEW

IRISH PLAYERS SURPRISE IN CHARITY CUP FOOTBALL

McHardy's Brilliance In Goal For Police

(BY "PILAT")

Putting up a surprisingly good display, Ireland succeeded in holding China, the holders, for almost three-quarters of the game in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup on Sunday. Indeed, at one stage, they were on equal terms with the Chinese who, however, scored two more goals in the last 15 minutes to win by four to two.

With only five regular Senior League players in the Irish side, China were expected to have matters much their own way, but this was not the case.

Sheehan and Hills were outstanding defenders in the Irish eleven. They formed an admirable pair of backs, Hills especially catching the eye in his first representative match.

The halves were rather slow against the fast-moving Chinese forwards but mention must be made of the fine way in which David Leonard marked Lee Wai-tong.

Contrary to expectations, the Irish forwards played with remarkable understanding considering the fact that the players, being in different divisions, had not even met each other in friendly games!

Pat Jorge was as tricky as ever and combined well with O'Regan and Martin. Brackenbury, on the right flank, was the more dangerous of the two wingers, A. Leonard, on the opposite wing, seemed to be overawed by the occasion.

WEAKENED TEAM
China fielded a much weakened team, there being many changes from the originally selected side. The forward line was not as effective as usual. Lal Shui-wing and Fung King-cheong were notable absentees which had a great effect on the combination.

Lee Wai-tong was so well held in check that he had only two shots at goal from the second of which he scored China's fourth.

Hsu King-sing gave a brilliant exhibition as an attacking centre-half and his spilling and distribution left nothing to be desired.

EASTERN OUT
Eastern again went down for the second time this season and, incidentally, also went out of the championship race when, on Saturday, they were defeated by Kowloon by four-goals to three.

Eastern played a mediocre game, especially in the initial half, and were far from the team which showed such brilliant form at the beginning of the season.

Lau Hin-hon was not as safe as usual but was fortunate to have such a dependable pair of backs in Tang Chung-wan and Hsu Po-wan in front of him. The halves, despite being hard pressed in the first half, played a good game.

Hsu King-sing was again the "life saver" in Eastern's defence. He is certainly one of the most consistent half-backs the Colony has had for a long time.

FORWARDS DISAPPOINT
The forwards again disappointed their supporters and, with Hau Ching-to absent and with Kowloon marking Lee Tak-kee as the "danger man," all the edge was taken off the Eastern attack. They never settled down until late in the second half when they were facing a deficit of three goals.

Kowloon gave their best display to date and appeared to have found their right line-up. However, there is still a weak spot in the front line where Santos was not a success in the leader's berth.

Jackson revealed power and accuracy in his shooting as did Bell. This was hitherto an unknown quality in Kowloon's attack and this may presage better times for the Mainland team.

Smith, goalkeeper, and Eastman and Ulrich, backs, all played prominent parts in Kowloon's victory. They were responsible for keeping the Chinese at bay in the latter stages when Eastern were striving hard to score.

CLUB'S FIRST POINTS
Club gained their first brace of League points when they registered their first win over the Royal Scots by the odd goal in three. Club thoroughly deserved to win

despite the fact that they had to call on the services of two men from the junior team. These two players, Pryde and Gratton, were the best among the forwards and proved the chief worry to the Scots' defence.

Sid Strange and Millington were staunch defenders though inclined to be on the slow side, while the middle trio of McEwan, Forrow and Ernie Strange lent excellent support both in defence and attack.

The Scots were badly off form, the only players to shine being the full-backs, Fraser and Naysmith. Hossack had one of his worst days and seemed unable to do anything right.

POLICE ON FORM
Had the Police found their best at once and played as well as they did in the second half they would have run the champions to a much closer match. As it was though they were swamped by the champions in the first period, they only allowed South China "A" one goal.

For this they had to thank McHardy, who turned in a magnificent performance between the sticks, and Blackburn and Pile who worked hard in the back division.

The Caroline Hill team had not their full forward line intact and, with Lee Wai-tong slightly below scratch, were not impressive.

It will be of great interest to soccer fans to know that Lee Wai-tong has failed to score against McHardy in the past three seasons.

8TH R.A. WIN
In a Junior Shield replay the 8th R.A. defeated the Royal Scots by one goal to nil at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.

TEAM FOR CHINA SELECTED

The following have been selected to represent China against Portugal in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup football match to be played on the Army ground, Sookunpo, on Christmas Day, at 3.30 p.m.:

Tam Kwai-kon (S. China "A"), Mak Shiu-hon (S. China "A"), Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"), Lau Hing-choi (S. China "A"), Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A") (Capt.), Hsu King-sing (Eastern), Yeung Shiu-yick (S. China "B"), Fung King-cheong (S. China "A"), Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"), Chau Man-chi (Kwong Wah) and Ip Fak-wah (S. China "A").

Reserves: — Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah), Tse Kam-hung (Kwong Wah), Hou Yung-sang (S. China "B"), Lau Hin-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Chi-tsan, Law Wai-kuen, Chung Yung-sum and Chang Ching-hai (all Eastern). Leung Wing-chui will captain the team, with Hsu King-sing as vice-captain and Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, Hon. General Sec. of the S.C.A.A., as manager.

Lee Wai-tong, who was captain of the Chinese team in last Sunday's international match against Ireland, is unable to play owing to injuries.

Players are requested to be on the ground by 3 p.m. or to notify the manager (Tel. 24020), or their club representatives. If they are unable to turn up.

PORTUGAL'S TEAM
The Portugal team will be selected from the following at the ground and secretaries are requested to instruct their players to report to Mr. A. V. Gosano at the dressing room at 3.15 p.m. sharp. Shorts, uniforms and stockings will be supplied.

R. Marques (St. Joseph's), C. Marques (St. Joseph's), D.

WIN FOR LA LINDA

The Sweepstake race of the R.H.K.Y.C. sailed yesterday afternoon resulted as follows:—

Yacht	Finished
La Linda	162352
(Mrs. G. I. Johnstone)	
Isobel	1629111
(Maj. C. Seagum)	
True Blue	1629454
(Mrs. Crawhall-Wilson)	
Jean	163221
(Mr. H. Cartwright Taylor)	
Gull	163451
(Mr. A. O. G. Mills)	
Eve	163631
(Maj. G. Alley)	
Penelope	1642414
(Mr. S. Bird)	
Kittiwake	
(Mr. E. G. N. Bremner)	

LADIES COLONY TENNIS

In the second round of the Ladies Colony Doubles Tennis Tournament, Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Knight beat Miss Greg and Mrs. Marr on Monday, 6-2, 6-1.



Snapped at the Thirteenth Extra Race meeting at the Valley.

"DIEHARDS" BEAT ROYAL SCOTS IN R.A. CUP POLO TOURNAMENT

ODD GOAL WIN IN FAST GAME

Fast and thrilling polo was seen at Boundary Road yesterday when the Royal Scots met the Middlesex Regiment in the Royal Artillery Cup Tournament.

Although the Scotsmen lost to the "Diehards" by the odd goal in nine, they conceded two goals as their handicap and the very close scoring gives a good indication of how well-balanced were the teams.

FIRST CHUKKER
Early in the first chukker, the Royal Scots wiped off their handicap by scoring two goals. Burn being prominent in the attacks.

The Middlesex Regiment pressed in the next session and, in the course of a fast run down-field, T. W. Chattey scored off a neat back-hand from his brother W.H.P. The chukker ended with the "Diehards" leading three-two.

TWO PENALTIES
A 40-yards penalty awarded the Middlesex Regiment saw T. W. Chattey take the hit to score. Later Burn, playing brilliantly, scored for the Scots and the chukker ended with the Scots leading three-two.

Alves (St. Joseph's), N. Delgado (International), J. Pereira (St. Joseph's), T. Castilho (St. Joseph's), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), B. T. Gomes (Electric), A. Alves (St. Joseph's), R. Ribeiro (St. Joseph's), G. Fernandes (International), R. Rocha (International), H. Campos (International) and C. Santos (Kowloon).

Last year China defeated Portugal in the final by nine goals to two. The scorers for China were: Hau Ching-to 3, Lee Wai-tong 2, Fung King-cheong 2, Tang Kwong-sum and Lai Shui-wing while Alves and A. V. Gosano scored for Portugal.

Since its inception in 1925 the International Charity Cup had been won by China on six occasions, for two years running in 1935-1936 and again in 1938-39. Portugal had won the competition twice the last time being in 1932.

ANOTHER WIN FOR TAIKOO AT BOWLS

GOVERNOR'S TEAM DEFEATED

Entertaining the Taikoo Club in a return friendly lawn bowls match at Government House yesterday afternoon, the Governor's team, led by His Excellency the Governor, was defeated by 18 shots.

Scores follow:—
His Excellency's team: W. A. Cornell, Sir Atholl MacGregor, J. Deakin and His Excellency the Governor (skip): 19. J. A. Fraser, Son, Mr. N. L. Smith, A. Russell and T. Robson (skip): 14. Col. E. P. C. Collin, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell, A. C. Milne and El Searle (skip): 17. Total 50.

Taikoo Club: W. Melrose, J. Finpe, J. C. Chalmers and W. H. Lock (skip): 24. W. Cunningham, J. F. Lawrie, R. Main and R. Wallace (skip): 24. W. C. Boydard, J. J. Whyte, H. Gillies and D. Munro (skip): 20. Total 68.

LADIES' SOFTBALL GAMES PROVIDED ALL THE EXCITEMENT IN SUNDAY'S LEAGUE PROGRAMME

Baby Panthers' Triumph Over The Wahoos

BY R.O.Y.

Although the Men's games last Sunday were practically featureless, the Ladies' clashes provided plenty of excitement, when three of the four matches played provided upsets.

Biggest surprise of all was the Baby Panthers triumph over the Wahoos by 6 runs to 5. The winners had won only one game, previous to this clash, and were not expected to put up much opposition to the Wahoos who, after taking the Canadian Chinese girls, were hot favourites for this season's championship.

Theresa Noronha pitched an excellent game for the Green Owls, but received unusually poor support from her team-mates who committed six miscues. Lena Luongo slapped the longest hit of the game, with a rousing triple to leftfield.

WINNING HURLER
The winning hurler, Irene Tavares, chalked up 6 strike-outs and showed improved ball control, while her fielders gave her efficient support when they got down to their lowest mark of only three bobbles.

Celeste Marques gave a real skipper's display at shortstop and connected for three hits. Terry Marques also garnered three safeties to help her squad outwit the Wahoos 8 to 5.

A SURPRISE
After giving promise of not winning a game this season, the youthful Clubs surprised everyone connected with softball when they downed "Doc" Molthen's Cardinals by 14-12, despite being out of 11-14, and outplayed, committing 10 errors to the losers' 9.

Even the extra base hits were registered by the losers, Lavadia clouting a homer and Gladys Coates a three-bagger. "Grandma" Gladys Hutchinson, making a welcome reappearance, and Kitty Bush, including one double, each slapped out three safeties.

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP
The Canadian Chinese skipped into the unchallenged leadership of the League when they surprised the Wildcats with a devastating last inning rally, to win out 12-11, after being 6-11 down at the last change.

In that frame, the Wildcat again showed their unsteadiness under fire when they literally threw the game away by issuing two free passes and committing two costly fumbles.

Circuit clouts were plentiful. Mabelle Louie and Ulan Khoo going round for the winners, while Lily Mar replied for the losers. Thanks to three hits apiece from Lily and Mary Mar, the Wildcats outlived the opposition 11-7, but committed 6 bobbles to the Canucks 5.

NEARLY AN UPSET
A near upset was seen when the Ball Club girls barely nosed out the Pirates by 6-5. Cynthia "Sal-lor" Motta was in brilliant form, behind the plate, for the winners while Maudie Read was once again outstanding for the Buccaneers.

MEN'S MATCHES
The best of the Men's matches, was the Chung Hwa-Recreo Bee fracas that started over an hour late because of the delayed appearance of some of the Chung

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

ATHLETICS.—Kowloon Vernacular Schools' Physical Training Competition, at Kowloon Football Club ground, 9 a.m.
RUGBY.—Police v. Durhams (Prince Edward Road), 5 p.m.

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Kowloon Vernacular Schools' Physical Training Competition, at Kowloon Football Club ground, 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

FOOTBALL.—First Division (4 p.m.), Kowloon v. Royal Navy (Kowloon); St. Joseph's v. South China "A" (Caroline Hill); Police v. Royal Scots (Boundary Road); Second Division "A", 5th R.A. v. Kit Chee (Sookunpo), 2.30 p.m.; 8th R.A. v. Eastern (Stanley), 4 p.m.; South China v. 30th P.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.; Second Division "B", Kowloon v. Kwong Wah (Kowloon), 2.30 p.m.; R.A.F. v. Police (Boundary Road), 2.30 p.m.; Royal Scots v. Signals (Military), 4 p.m.; Third Division: R.A.S.C. v. Royal Scots (Sookunpo), 4 p.m.; R.A.M.C. v. 12th R.A. (St. Joseph's), 2.30 p.m.; Signals v. International (St. Joseph's), 4 p.m.; Engineers v. Kumhoons (Chatham Road), 2.30 p.m.

14-8 win for the Royal Air Force over the Texas Oilers. In the latter fracas, Gillespie took the limelight with a homer and a triple, although Thompson also clouted for the round-trip. Recreio veteran, Henrique Barros starred for the Oilers at the Windy Alley.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Ladies' League	Won	Lost	Pctg
Canadian Chinese	4	1	.800
H.K. Ball Club	4	2	.666
Recreio	3	2	.600
Wahoos	3	2	.600
Wildcats	3	2	.600
Pirates	3	3	.500
Panthers	2	4	.333
Cardinals	1	4	.200
Cubs	1	4	.200

MEN'S LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pctg
Canadian Chinese	5	0	1.000
Recreio "A"	5	0	1.000
H.K. Ball Club	5	1	.833
Chung Hwa	4	1	.800
Recreio "B"	3	2	.600
International A.C.	3	2	.600
H.K. Baseball Club	4	3	.571
Mindanao	3	3	.500
V.R.C.	3	4	.428
English Forum	1	3	.250
Liga	1	3	.250
Trojans	1	3	.250
Philippine Club	1	4	.200
C.B.A.	1	6	.142
Machine Gunners	0	5	.000

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| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 1 Qt. Old Brown Sherry, Black Seal. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's Cordon Bleu Brandy. | 1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
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POSSESSION OF A WIRELESS SET

Fung Kung, unemployed cook boy, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday on a summons for the possession of a wireless receiving set without a licence and was cautioned.

Mr. James Key, Wireless Inspector, said that the radio set was given to the defendant by his former employer, a naval commander. He told the Court that authorities did not wish to press the case.

Mr. Forrest ordered that the set be kept by the authorities until the defendant was able to obtain suitable premises to take out a licence.

FIRING PRACTICE

Anti-Aircraft firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. today.

Firing Area 'B' will be affected. Light-Gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 8 p.m. and 12 midnight today and tomorrow.

Firing Area 'E' will be affected.

COLONY HEALTH

Ten cases of tuberculosis, two cases of enteric fever, two cases of dysentery, one case of diphtheria and one case of cerebro-spinal fever were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 19.

Radio Programmes

HONGKONG

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GRACIE FIELDS AND OTHERS

IN VARIETY
Children's Hour

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.50 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers"

From The Sunny Spanish Shore: In Enterprise of Martial Kind—Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis, Mavis Bennett and Arthur Hosking. O Rapture When Alone Together: There Was A Time—Mavis Bennett and Arthur Hosking. I Stole The Prince—Leo Sheffield, Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis and Arthur Hosking. Kind Sir, You Cannot Have The Heart—Winifred Lawson (Soprano). I Am A Courtier Grave and Serious—Henry A. Lytton, Bertha Lewis and George Baker. Here Is A Case—Derek Oldham, George Baker, Mavis Bennett, Winifred Lawson, Davies & Chorus. Now Let The Loyal Lieges Gather Round—Finale. Act 2—Full Company.

1.00 Local Time, Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Grace Moore (Soprano) and Edith Lorand & Her Viennese Orch.

Die Czardasfurstin — Potpourri — Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orch.

Our Song (Film When You're in Love): The Whistling Boy (Film When You're in Love)—Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orch. Donauwallerlitz (Waltz) (Ivanovic): The Last Waltz (Oscar Strauss)—Edith Lorand Orchestra. The End Begins (Film The King stays out)—Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orch. Why Do You Hate Me?—Tango (Stravinsky)—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orch.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orch.

Rumba — When Bomba Plays A Rumba — Tango—Lonely Troubadour — Waltz—The Waltz King (Film Big Broadcast of 1938) — Fox-Trot—You Took The Words Right Out of My Heart (Film Big Broadcast of 1938). Quickstep—You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming: Fox-Trot — Silvery Moon and Golden Sands. Waltz—Golden Heart: Slow Fox-Trot—In The Chapel In The Moonlight: Fox-Trot — I'm Just Begun To Care: Waltz—I'm Still In Love With You.

2.15 Close down.

2.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

2.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

2.47 Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

Lullaby (from "Porgy and Bess"—Gershwin); It Takes A Long Pull To Get There (from "Porgy and Bess"—Gershwin). I Don't Know What's Wrong (Dyrenforth and Eric Ansell): Roll Up Sailorman (film "Big Fella").

7.00 Light French Music.

Cafe-Chantant (Wal-Berg): C'est Dans Un Caboulot (Marc Lanjean)—Dams (Vocal) with Orchestra. Ah Dis, Ah Dis, Ah Bonjour (Charles Trenet): La Vie Qui Va (French film "Je chante")—Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orch. Yalse — Ma Banlieue (from Revue "Féerie de Paris"): J'attends (from Revue "Féerie de Paris"): L'Accordeoniste Alexander and His Orchestra. Du Soleil Dans Ses Yeux (Gaston Claret): Je Crois N'Avoir Jamais Aimé (film Premiere)—Dams (Vocal) with Orchestra. Le Petit Quinquu (Gaston Claret): Aupres De Ma Blonde (film hamelet)—Jean Sorbier (Vocal) with Orch.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Strauss—"Der Rosenkavalier" Suite.

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Earl Alwin.

8.20 Songs by Amelia Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Air and Variations (Proch): La Fauvette ("Zemire et Azor"—Gretz)—with Flute obligato by Clement Barone. Carnations (Valverde): Little Star (Ponce)—with Piano accompaniment by Homer Samuels.

8.32 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler. Liebesleid (Kreisler): Liebesfreud (Kreisler)—with Flute accompaniment by Lamson. Caprice Viennais (Kreisler)—with Piano accompaniment by Rupp.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Hitler and the Aryan Race."

8.45 Songs by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).

"The Pearl Fishers" (Bizet-Zenardini): Cavatina di Lelia. "Rigoletto" (Verdi): Gilda's Aria: Caro nome: "Mignon" (Thomas): Io son Titania—with Orchestral accompaniment.

9.15 London Relay—New Summary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk by Lord Chatfield.

9.45 Dance Music.

Tango — Black Orchids; Spanish March—A Ball in Madeira—Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra. Fox-Trot Swingin' On The Moon—Bob Howard and His Orchestra. Waltz—The Waltz In Swing Time (film "Swing Time"): Fox-Trot—The Way You Look Tonight (film "Swing Time")—Fred Astaire accompanied by Johnny Green's Orchestra.

10.00 Variety with Gracie Fields, Tommy Handley, Oliver Wakefield, Charlie Kunz and Rhythm Accompanying. Humorous Monologue—Play up and Pay The Dame (Wakefield); (Keeping A Ship) Upper (Wakefield)—Oliver Wakefield ("The Voice of Inexperience"). Guitar Duets — Chiquita, Waltz: Drifting and Dreaming (Gillespie)—Perrera and Paluh. The Comedy—Winter Draws On (Harper): We've Got To Keep Up With The

Joneses (Elliott)—Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Vocal—Medley — Intro: The Girl in the Little Green Hat; This is Romance; My heart jumped over the Moon; Leave The Pretty Girls Alone (Robison)—Len Bermon with Orchestra and Step-Dancing by Len Bermon. Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 2.—Intro: Shoe Shine Boy; When I'm with You; Somebody Stole My Gal; Take My Heart; At the Cafe Continental; Did I Remember—Charlie Kunz with Rhythm Accompanying. Humorous Monologue—John Henry's Ghost (Henry)—John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge. Castanets Solos—La Gorrilla (Valverde); Serenata (Malata arr. Rudd)—"La Argentina" with Orchestra. Comedienne—Now It Can Be Told (film "Alexander's Ragtime Band"); The Biggest Aspidochelone in The World (Compton and Others)—Gracie Fields with Orchestra. Vocal—Let's All Join In The Chorus with Tommy Handley and His Pals in a Medley of Old Time Songs—with Orchestra.

11.00 London Relay—"Background to News."

11.15 Close down.

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Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.

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do. 12.00 midnight

Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Mondays — Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

Tuesdays — Background to the News 8.15 a.m.

In England Now 11.00 p.m.

Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.

Wednesdays — In England Now 6.45 a.m.

Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.

Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.

Thursdays — Matters of Moment 6.45 a.m.

Background to the News 11.00 p.m.

Fridays — In England Now 11.00 p.m.

Saturdays — In England Now 6.45 a.m.

Now 3.30 p.m.

London Log 11.15 p.m.

Sundays—London Log 6.45 a.m.

"LONE WOLF SPY HUNT" AT THE MAJESTIC

The Lone Wolf, that debonair rogue whose light-fingered knavery made him the bane of police officials throughout the world, returns to the screen in the person of Warren William at the Majestic Theatre tomorrow.

Ida Lupino is co-featured with William in the new Columbia film, "The Lone Wolf Spy Hunt," which is the first of a planned series of Lone Wolf comedy-mystery dramas.

"The Lone Wolf Spy Hunt" unfolds in swift, breath-taking scenes. William, Miss Lupino, and the mild-thought-murderous Morgan are said to be superb and Virginia Welder, as the Lone Wolf's daughter, is vastly amusing as a tomboyish 8-year-old who enjoys radio crime programmes. Rita Hayworth plays a sleek adventuress. Others in the well-rounded cast include Brandon Tynan, Marc Lawrence, Ben Welton, Tommy Dugan and Leonard Carey.

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21—Tides: High 3.45 a.m. and 5.35 p.m. Low 10.45 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.28 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m. Launching at Kowloon Dock, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Fantomine, 8 p.m.

Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.

Y.M.C.A. Games morning, 10 a.m.

Kowloon Tung Garden City Assn. Draw for debentures, 6 p.m.

S. and S. Home Servicemen's Xmas Party, 7.30 p.m.

Cheero Club: Contract Bridge Lessons 8 p.m.

H.K. Football Referees' Assn. Monthly Meeting, 8 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Timm Mtg., 1 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. S. C. Leung on "Recent Developments in China."

Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations."

6 p.m. Ladies Bible Study, 216, Nathan Road, 10.30 a.m.

Women's Fellowship: St. Andrew's Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.

Christmas Tree Gift and Candle Service, St. Andrew's, 6 p.m.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 3.30 p.m.

Busy Bees Knitting and Bandage-Making, Central Fire Station, 9.30 a.m.

Christ Church, Nativity Play Rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.

R.N. Yard Police Recreation Room, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), St. Andrew's Hall, 4.30 p.m.

22—Tides: High 5.36 a.m. and 6.08 p.m. Low 12.46 a.m. and 11.31 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.

Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Claims against Enemy firms (Vincos Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.) Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.

H.K. University Congregation, Great Hall, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Wolf Cubs' Christmas Party, 5 p.m.

R.E.W.G.'s Mess: Christmas Draw and Social, Wellington Barracks, 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.

Sale of Toys at Millington, Ltd., in aid of B.W.O.F., 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

Epiphany's Home, Executive Committee Mtg.

23—Tides: High 7.07 a.m. and 6.44 p.m. Low 1.16 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Fantomine, 3 p.m.

H.E. and Lady Northcote leave for Fanning Lodge.

Institute of Business Administration—Students' Christmas Party at Metropole Hotel, 8 p.m.

24—Tides: High 8.17 a.m. and 7.22 p.m. Low 2.13 a.m. and 12.58 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

Christmas Eve.

St. Andrew's Church: Carol Service, 8.15 p.m.

H.K. University, Christmas Carol Concert, Great Hall, 9 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9.09 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.54 a.m. and 1.37 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

Christmas Day.

St. Andrew's Church: Festival Service, 11 a.m.

International Soccer, China vs. Portugal, Soekopo, 3.30 p.m.

26—Boxing Day.

International Soccer, H.K.F.C. ground Scotland vs. England, 3.30 p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Fanning Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwant.

Y.M.C.A. Fantomine, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

H.K.O.C.C.—Frisz-Giving & Children's Sports, 4 p.m.

9—China Light & Power Recreation Club Dance, 8 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due.

31—New Year's Eve.

Sil Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Service.

Football Shield: First Round.

Y.M.C.A. Fantomine, 8 p.m.

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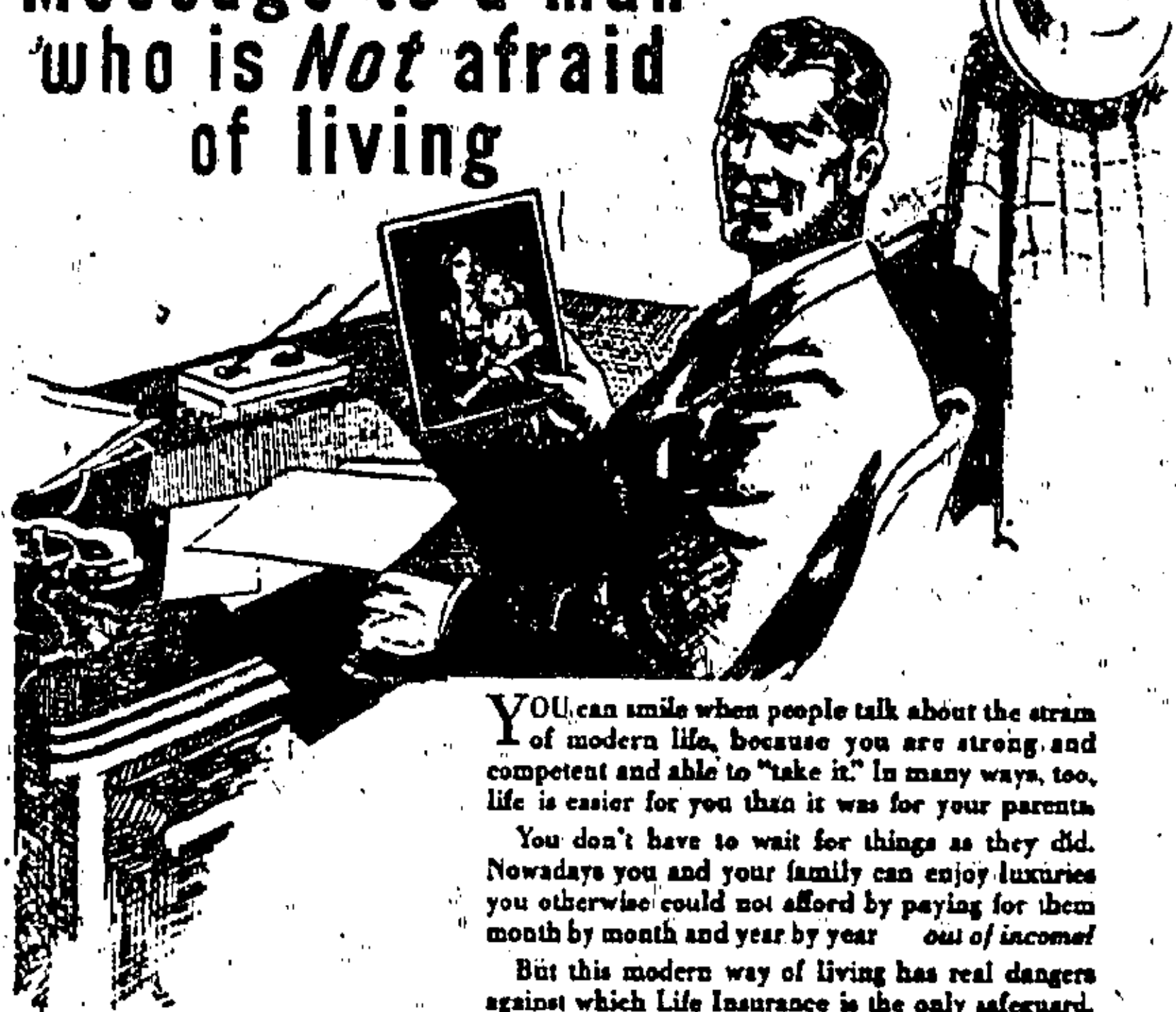
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Soviet Submarine Fires At German Ship

35 SHELLS, BUT NO HITS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A report from Stockholm states that a Soviet submarine shelled the German steamer, Finnau, which was carrying coal to a Swedish port.

The submarine, said the report, suddenly emerged and fired 35 shells at the ship, but there were no hits.

TWO OTHERS SUNK

The sinking of two other German ships by Soviet warships is now admitted in Berlin. Discussions are now going on in Riga between the Russians and the Nazi Commission.

"Hore Belisha Palace"

CANADIAN TROOPS DELIGHTED WITH CAMP COMFORTS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The arrival of the first Canadian Expeditionary Force has aroused great interest and the newspapers gave them a great deal of space.

The first news of the Canadians' arrival was given by Mr. Winston Churchill in a broadcast. Even people of the port at which they landed did not realise who they were until the men spelt out in unison "C-A-N-A-D-A" and then shouted "Canada."

WARM WELCOME

They were promptly given a warm welcome and those on shore threw them packets of cigarettes, the Canadians replying with apples.

They were transferred to their base by train and marched through a quiet country town headed by their band. They found their camp fitted with every amenity, including iron beds, with mattresses, hot and cold water showers, a large mess room and an up-to-date kitchen. They have already named their camp "Hore Belisha Palace."

BELGIAN PREMIER'S WARNING

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—M. Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, in a speech to the Chamber declared: "An independent and neutral Holland is indispensable to Belgium's neutrality. It will be imprudent to determine now the attitude we must take if the situation in Holland is changed, but it will be equally imprudent to state that a new situation would leave us indifferent."

Putting Truth Back On Its Pedestal

WHY THE ALLIES ARE FIGHTING

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Entertaining members of the Foreign Press Association at a luncheon, Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, evoked rounds of applause when he declared: "Almost all the civilised world—with one solitary exception—is represented here today."

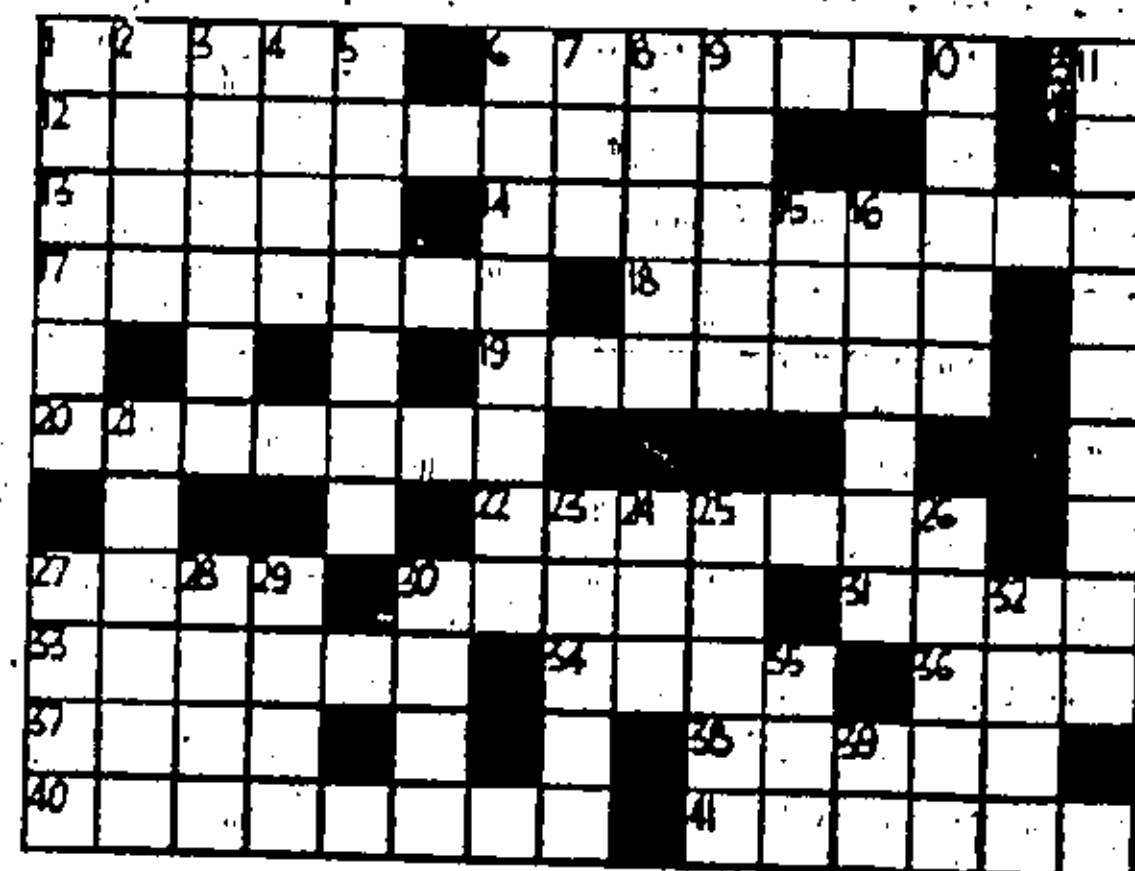
STRICTLY FACTUAL

Mr. Burgin added that the Allies were fighting to put truth back on its pedestal and they might rest assured that every communique they received in Britain would be strictly factual. Mr. Burgin delighted his cosmopolitan audience by speaking to them in French, German and Spanish.

MURDER OF NAZI OFFICIAL IN N.Y.: BOXER ARRESTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—The boxer, Ernie Haas, was arrested in Toronto in connection with the murder of Herr Walter Engleberg, secretary of the German consulate in New York, who was found dead on Dec. 6 at his residence with his skull split open.

CROSSWORD NO. 492



ACROSS CLUES:

- Without its beginning this depression changes into a lump
- Indication of rank or animal's colour scheme
- Concluding speech concluding with a speech
- A corner in mangles is by no means pointless
- Fill up again
- This Jack must rise in his profession
- Weird, but it's the reverse of anger in "ease"
- How rarely do these break the bank when tried
- Biting writings
- The sort of eating that goes on at seaside
- A river begins to consider
- Sacred song
- Part of building which would be suitable for me
- A trying business
- A wave in grey matter?
- Getting this in for den is not permitted
- We start the employer
- Nimble
- Replacements are original in old Spanish coats
- Feel indignant—this is almost a gift

DOWN CLUES:

- Fits and starts
- Talent is partly this, but

It can hardly be this

- Pressing
- Underground traveller
- Not to peel beforehand but to get ready
- Behold these forces and they adorn the head
- Part of row which may be preferred to bow
- If sailors don't know these they soon get tied up
- A bay or perhaps a valve
- The end of these Peeping Toms may be game
- Shown with a bite in it
- Whichever way you look at it it's before
- Mighty hunter who could be made to do mister in
- Poetically opposed?
- Liars are mixed up in them
- A good 35 down
- Notable, but no childish gratitude in it
- This sort of Scot is a doer too
- Politically he may be the gardener's ideal
- Watery sort of word
- Having taken silk, making this part of pleat is easy
- Arrange me in a manner
- She never looks here, of course
- Ring round this little word is going up

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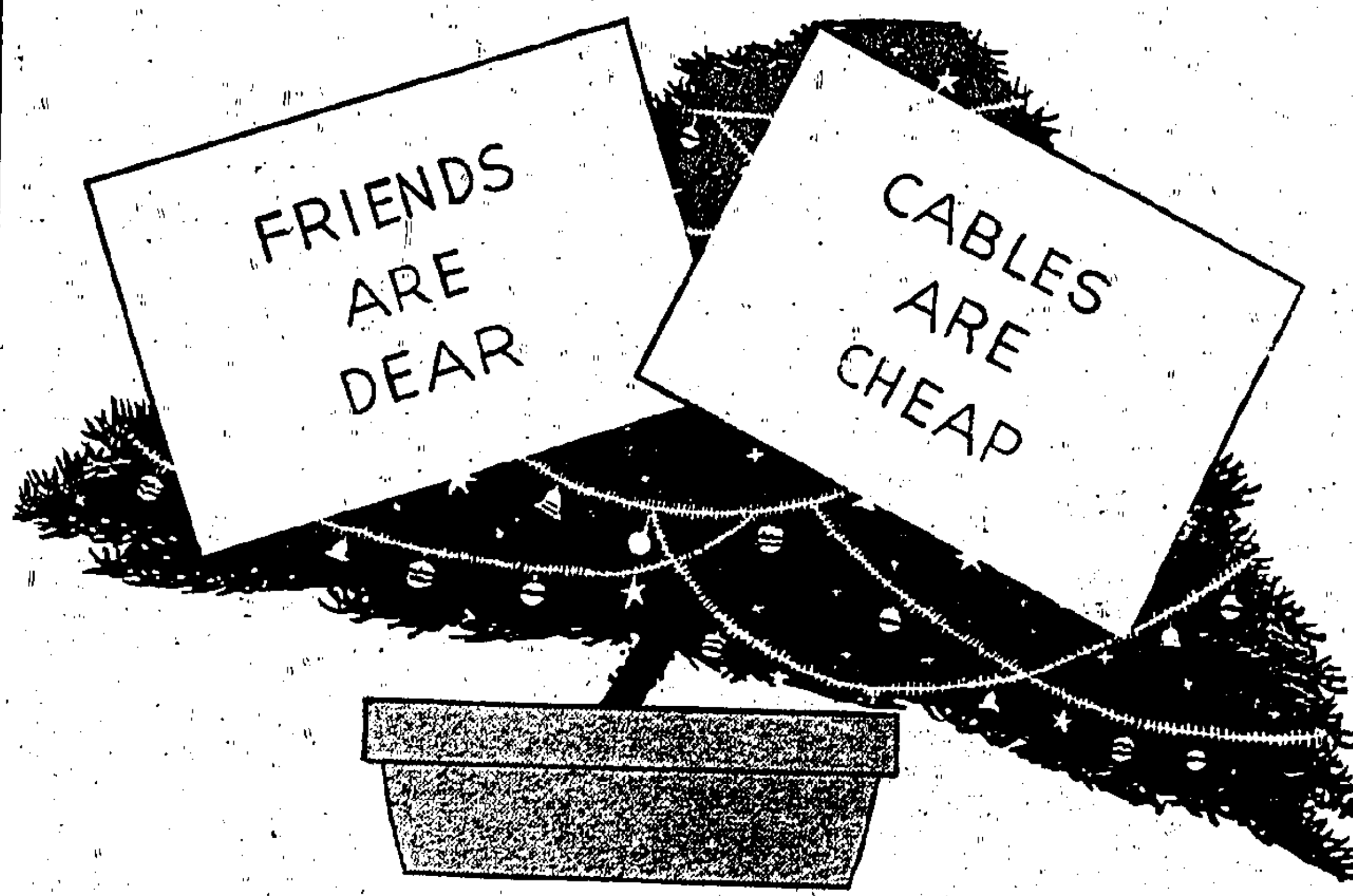
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Mr. and Mrs. Chan Suen after their marriage at the Registry on Tuesday. The bride was formerly Miss Soo Wing-mui of Canton.

U.S. May Sell Secret List Planes

President Roosevelt recently signed the revised Neutrality Bill, which enables supplies to be lent to belligerents to be sent from the United States on a "cash and carry" basis.

Proclamations putting into force other provisions of the Act were issued by the President immediately following the signature.

Of great importance to Britain and France is a newly transmitted decision of the United States Government which seems to mean that in future American aeroplane manufacturers will be allowed to sell to the Allies new and improved machines which hitherto have been Army and Navy secrets held back from abroad.

It had long been law that the newest types of aircraft manufactured for the United States fighting services should not be exported. They were usually placed on a secret list for periods varying from six months upwards from the time of delivery to the Army or Navy.

But a notice sent to the manufacturers by the Aeronautical Board of the United States Army and Navy has now omitted the time limit.

REPORTED OFFER TO PILOTS
The British air mission is reported recently to be negotiating in Ottawa a new contract with the North American Aircraft Company. It is said here that the passage of the new Neutrality Act is going to result in the stepping up of schedules which will enable American companies to turn out 1,500 planes a month.

The New York Herald Tribune declares that British agents have made definite offers to American pilots and navigators to fly new bombers direct from Newfoundland to the British Isles. The offers are said to be £1,500 a trip to pilots and £2,750 to expert navigators.—News Chronicle.

SALE POSTPONED

Messrs. Lammert Brothers' sale of office furniture of Messrs. F. Feld and Co., which was to have taken place tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 22, has been postponed to Thursday next, Dec. 23.

New Year will be celebrated in Chungking in an appropriate manner. A holiday will be declared, the city will be beflagged, and mass meetings will be held. A musical concert for the public will be held on Jan. 2.—(Central News).

The Home Secretary has declined to recommend a reduction in the sentence on the 19-year-old girl who, at Wisbech, was fined £1 and given a month's imprisonment for flashing an electric torch during the black-out.

The story opens in a street of Bagdad where a certain villain, a Robber Chief named Mahbub, is being sought. The best peace preservation material available, a trio of constables named Hooey, Doocy and Loocy are seeking the villain.

There are two visitors in town, a certain Prince Hamid Rasul and another personage, a lowly one if we would judge from his profession, a woodcutter, both seeking the hand of the daughter of the royal house.

As in any other tale, the underdog wins. Ali Baba is destined to be a Prince, but before he becomes one there are adventures to survive. The Sultana Amina (Helen Lockhart) is difficult to please. She would prefer royal blood.

Ahmed el Baksheesh, the Sultan (William Kirby), is more understanding. A man of the world, he grants licenses in camera to the market dancers, and Amina is reasonably suspicious.

CLEVER SLEUTHING

The clever sleuthing of Hooey and his companions results in due course in the arrest of Mahbub, and his band is routed, but only after a thrilling adventure wherein the Princess Morgiana is trapped in the cave. A genie, with a bagful of tricks about him, helps her escape.

The Sultana favours Hamid. She asks the Sultan about the baby she judged at the baby show. "How many of them were over 18?" she wants to know. Ahmed el Baksheesh, the Sultan, does not know Ali Baba. "Is he a member of the Club?" the Sultan inquires. But Ali Baba is favoured by the Princess.

The parts are nobly filled. The principal boy is Anne Organ (Ali Baba), and the leading lady is Phyllis Kirby (Morgiana). The most memorable character will surely be Fatima, the Robbers' Cook (Ralph Spence), while her son Euslance (Alec Austen), who helps her relate the story of Cinderella to the children, does a meritorious job in one of the cleverest bits of dialogue thought up by Mr. Colledge.

MAKING BLACK-OUT SAFER

Although it is known that the road accident rate has declined appreciably, many minds are busy on means of making the black-out safer during the coming four months, when most of the working population will have to go home in the dark.

The Minister of Transport, Capt. Euan Wallace, appealed on behalf of the bus drivers to pedestrians not to flash electric torches in their eyes. All car-drivers will echo the appeal, for even the weakest torch is blinding.

Experiments are still being pursued with "black" lamps which shed a radiance without visible beam, but they are not entirely successful, for the reflection from wet asphalt is still too much for the R. A. F. experts.

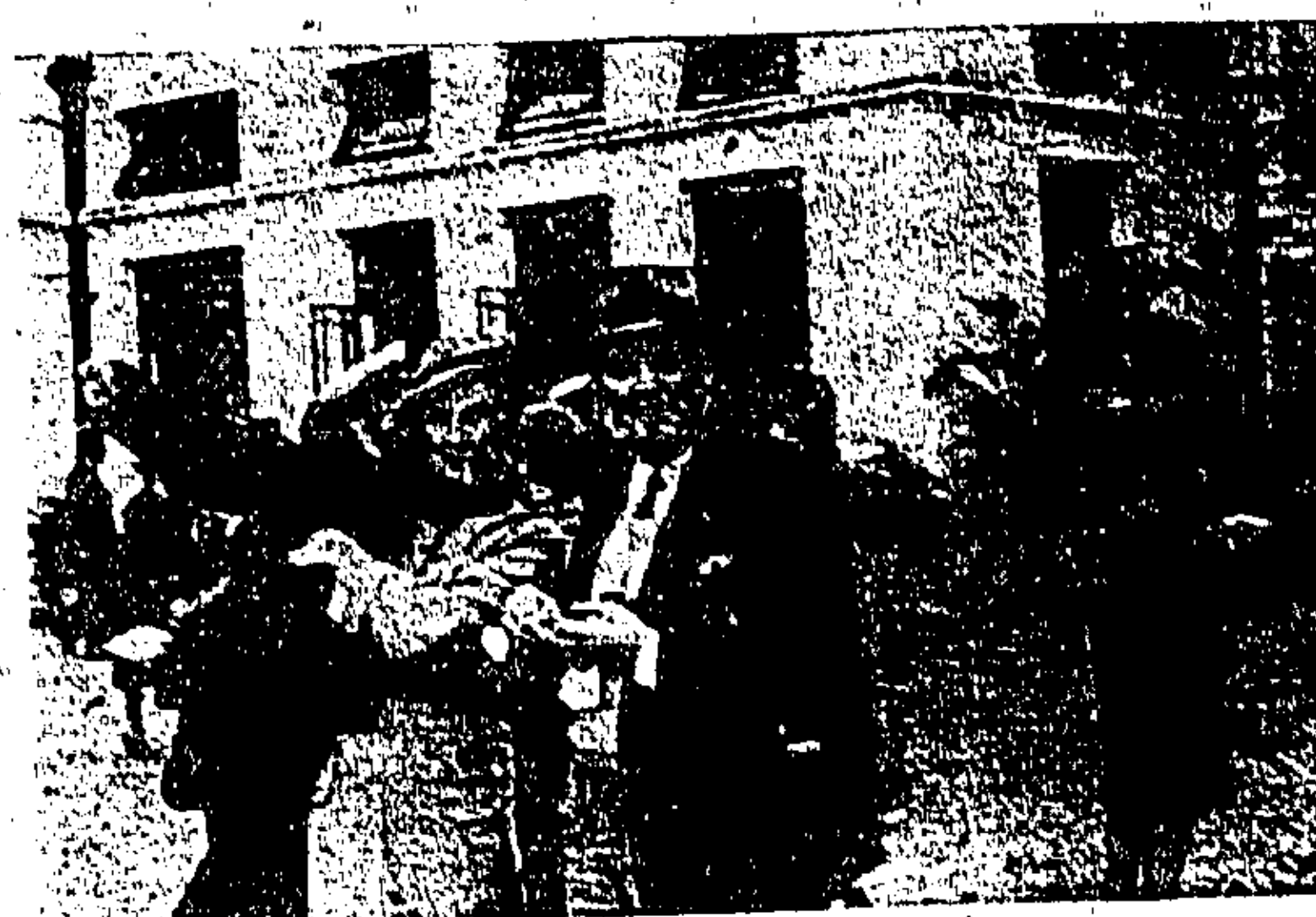
Blue light, on which the French rely so freely, is condemned as being not less visible than white, except when a translucent blue glass is used with an orange light.

MORE GUARD RAILS

It is hoped to find a safe means of illuminating pedestrian crossings and similar spots, if not whole streets.

In the absence of street lighting it is essential to segregate the traffic, and the R. A. C. suggests more of the pedestrian guard rails that have proved their value in peace-time, while all unnecessary obstructions should be removed from the roadway and roundabouts should be made visible by reflectors.

Motor-cyclists suffered severely in the September accidents, as the figures published recently show; mostly, it appears from excess of zeal on the part of patrols and despatch riders. Cyclists are still a danger to themselves and others, rear lamps are still very difficult to obtain.—Daily Telegraph.



Acting Chief Preventive Officer A. W. Grimmitt faces our camera at the Race meeting at the Valley.

Over \$16,000 In Money And Jewellery

ARMED THIEVES GET BIG HAUL

A total of \$16,600 in money and jewellery was stolen from the occupants of a room on the second floor of No. 172, Wellington Street, early yesterday morning.

Four men, armed with revolvers, forced their way in at about 7 o'clock, and, by holding up the occupants, stole \$15,500 in Hongkong currency, \$1,500 in Chinese National currency, \$34 in Singapore currency, and a diamond ring.

They escaped before an alarm could be raised.

FUNERAL OF MR. WALTER HUNG AT POKFULAM

The funeral took place at the Chiu Yuen Cemetery, Pokfulam, yesterday, of Mr. Walter Hung, who died at the Canossa Hospital on Tuesday morning from pneumonia.

The late Mr. Hung, who was the manager of the Chinese section of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, and manager of the Sun Wo Steamship Company, is survived by his widow, daughter of the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, and a son and daughter.

A large attendance of relatives and friends was present to pay their last respect and amongst them were Messrs. W. C. Hung, A. Hung, C. C. Hung, K. C. Hung, D. Hung, H. Q. Hung, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, the Hon. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Fung Ping-fan, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lo, Dr. D. de E. Souza, Dr. Liu Yan-tak, Dr. Eva Ho Tung, Dr. Katie Woo.

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ALLEGED THEFT OF LETTERS

A postman, Li King-fai, 21, appeared before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, charged with having stolen 23 letters on various dates between August 3 and December 14. Bail of \$500 was allowed.

In connection with the case, Wong Sang, 40, and Li Kam-lam, 23, also appeared before the Magistrate, charged with attempting to obtain \$130 from Tse Yun-sau, 31, married woman, by a forged letter purported to have come from a man in Boston.

Det.-Sgt. A. Shaw applied for one week's formal remand. Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded not guilty on behalf of both defendants.

Commissioner John McMillan, Chief-of-Staff of the Salvation Army, died at Sunbury Court, Middlesex, after a long illness, aged 65. Commissioner McMillan, a native of Glasgow, with 50 years' service, withdrew his name after nomination for the generalship when the High Council met to choose a successor to General Higgins.

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Over 100 men, accused of communist activities, have been arrested in Paris and Toulouse by Government order.

DANCE HOSTESS ASSAULTED

ALLEGATIONS IN CENTRAL COURT

After hearing evidence from the complainant, Wong Mui-kow, 22, dance hostess of the China Emporium Ball Room, on a charge of theft of a gold bangle and a handbag, containing \$10 in money and \$20 worth of dance tickets, preferred against Wong Liang-sin, 24, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, dismissed the charge of larceny and, on a charge of common assault, the defendant was bound over in a bond of \$100 for a year.

Giving evidence, Wong Mui-kow said that she knew defendant for a year in Shanghai. She was engaged by the China Emporium Ball Room from Shanghai and arrived with defendant in the Colony. On the day in question, defendant went to her flat in King Kwong Street and after assaulting her, tried to force her into a taxi. It was about 5 p.m. when she was going to the tea dance at the Ball Room, and her intention was to board a tramcar. On her refusal to get into the taxi, defendant, she alleged, snatched her handbag and threw it into the taxi.

Together with a detective, she located defendant at his flat in Stanley Street and on her demanding the return of her handbag, he at once handed it back.

Det.-Insp. W. Darkin prosecuted.

REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

A decrease of only 26 is shown in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in the Colony in Government camp, etc., in Urban and Rural areas for the week ending Dec. 16, as compared with the previous week.

Urban Areas (Civilians): King's Park 1,358 against 1,302 on Dec. 9.

Ma Tau Chung 1,083 against 1,078 on Dec. 9.

North Point 1,426 against 1,418 on Dec. 9.

Urban Areas (Soldiers): In Hospital 11 against 11 on Dec. 9.

Ma Tau Chung 726 against 730 on Dec. 9.

Rural Areas:

Kam Tin 1,864 against 1,912 on Dec. 9.

San Uk Ling 699 against 738 on Dec. 9.

Gill's Cutting 373 against 377 on Dec. 9.

The Management of the Peninsula Hotel advises that the usual Sunday Tea Dance at that establishment will not take place on December 24 and 31, but will be resumed on January 7, 1940.

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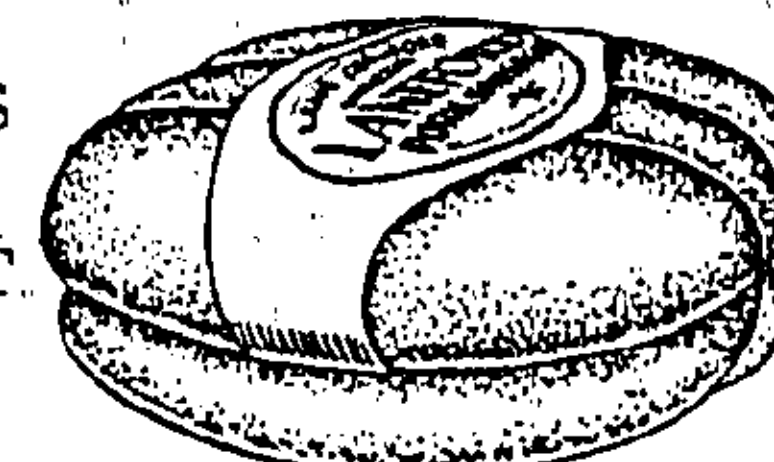
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE Sale by Public Auction to be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of Dec., 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	100	Mount Cameron Road, Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 419	As per sale plan	About 14,300	42	915

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	110	North-east of Rural Building Lot No. 397, South Bay Road, Repulse Bay	As per sale plan	About 6,200	14	310

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RAILWAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE B.E.F.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—About £16,000,000 worth of engines and railway equipment have been ordered for the use of the B.E.F. in France.

The order includes 240 freight engines, 10,000 covered wagons and permanent way material costing £1,750,000 and mechanical equipment for docks.

The Kwangtung People's Political Council decided at a recent meeting to ask the provincial government to appoint women to be magistrates and section chiefs in the government, or to hold responsible posts on a probationary basis.

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THE YANGTZE "OPENED"

THE "OPENING" of the Yangtze from Shanghai to Nanking is undoubtedly a landmark in the history of the development of their Japanese Military invasion of China in relation to the existing interests of Third Powers. It obviously represents a considerable change of tactics on the part of the invaders. But this change of tactics does not in any way affect Tokyo's aims which still remain what they were—to destroy Chinese sovereignty, extinguish the treaty privileges of other countries, and institute the monopolistic exploitation of China's resources.

JUST HOW NIGGARDLY a concession the latest Japanese move represents will be seen from a few facts which are set out below. It is, however, first necessary to examine why such a gesture should have been made at all. The immediate reason lies obviously in the necessity of placating the United States in order to induce it to renew the commercial treaty providing for "most favoured nation" treatment of Japanese trade. If the abrogation, which falls due in January, actually goes into effect, the way will be open for punitive duties against Japanese trade. Ambassador Grew indicated in his October 21 speech and no doubt, later in his protracted conversations with Admiral Nomura, that to avoid this, proof must be produced at once of Japan's willingness to remedy existing violations of the principle of the Open Door, of which the closure of the Yangtze is a flagrant example. The present action is a sop to the American Cerberus, though hardly one likely to satisfy.

AN EXAMINATION of the gesture brings to mind first of all the apt remark of the Shanghai Evening Post that it has come two years too late. Taking place now, practically under duress, it is hardly an earnest of Japanese sincerity. The tentative and partial opening of the Yangtze, at a time when Japanese steamers have for a year been operating to Hankow and beyond will hardly escape notice. We know the unmitigated nuisance to trade that Japanese interference can be in nominally "open" ports such as Tientsin, Tsingtao, and Shanghai, where the invaders have tested the patience and resource of the foreign merchant community by every conceivable type of unworthy trick from neglecting to dredge the fast-silting Whangpoo to taxing the negotiability out of all export goods entering the Settlement. How much greater the sabotage will be as such newly "opened" ports as Chin-kiang and Nanking time a lone will show. At the moment it is sufficient to say that no mention has been made of residential permits for foreign trade representatives at these points. It may also be pertinent to suggest that during the past two years of occupation, in the course of which all obstacles to their trade penetration were arbitrarily removed, the Japanese monopolists have not been idle, and that, with military and "puppet" support, they are entirely ready for any competition that may come along.

In the minds of General Abe and his Cabinet, the previous policy of stubborn refusal to admit that the river was "safe," has been successful

HOW TO PRESERVE SANDBAGS

WINTER DANGERS TO DEFENCES

Efforts are being made throughout Britain to protect sandbag defences against the rigours of the winter. Rotting, shrinkage, bursting, waterlogging and vermin infestation are among the dangers which must be guarded against.

Precautions recommended by the Government include spraying with liquid tar creosote and other waterproof preparations, and regular disinfection against vermin and insects.

Many large firms who are prepared to spend considerable sums on efficient defences are enclosing their sandbags in creosoted wooden "hutches," or slabs of reinforced concrete. These additional precautions are approved by the authorities.

Inefficient sandbagging is a cause of danger. In some cases unsuitable bags have been filled with rough material, walls have been stacked unsuitably, and false stresses have resulted in bulging and warping.

There is justification for the fear that some stacks of sandbags will collapse with the first spell of severe weather.

LACK OF DRAINAGE

Lack of drainage and protective substances are other faults in some instances.

The A. R. P. department of the Home Office has issued recommendations for the preservation of sandbags. One danger of this, an expert said recently, is that people may be led to believe that if they have followed official instructions their sandbags will be safe throughout the winter.

"Apart from damp there is danger," from shrinkage and deterioration through the effect of city smoke and grime," he pointed out.

"Spraying with preservative liquids will not offset these dangers entirely. Other preparations which are on the market should be used in addition to those recommended officially."

The perfect sandbag defence wall should be from 6-8 ft. high, 4 ft. wide at the base and 2 ft. at the apex. Bags should be laid alternate rows of "stretchers"—lengthwise—and "headers"—crosswise—with no corresponding joints.

THREE-QUARTERS FULL

Bags should be three-quarters full only, beaten into rectangular shape and placed with the seams inwards. Folded ends of "headers" should also face inwards.

No regulations have been made about the amount of projection over the pavement, but this should not exceed four feet and the bags should be painted white.

Drainage should be provided and boarding placed at the foot of sandbag walls to protect the first two layers from mud and water kicked up by pedestrians or sprayed by traffic.

Defences should be watched carefully for any sign of subsidence. Burst bags can be mended with strips of hessian.

because, despite the fact that it infuriated the Power, it undoubtedly enhanced the bargain value, at a time when Japan needs such counters, of the miserable concession that she now offers. If it appeared useless to try such a patent bluff at a time when the western countries were unequivocal at least in moral condemnation of her aggression, she feels that now, when the possibility of their joint action in the Far East is much more remote and the red hering of "anti-Cominternism" is likely to recover some of its diplomatic value, a symbolic display of "co-operative spirit" may achieve miracles in smoothing her path of conquest.

FOR CHINA, which almost in the old pre-Nine Power Pact tradition, is being treated as a passive factor in all this juggling of her rights and territory, it remains only to keep her powder dry and make sure that she is ready to draw whatever advantage she can from the new round in the game of World Power Politics which now seems to have begun in the Far East.



Mr. and Mrs. A. J. F. Barretto, of Manila, photographed after their wedding at the Kowloon Union Church, yesterday afternoon. The bride was formerly Miss Simone Levy. The happy couple will make their future home in Hongkong.

Remarkable Recovery In Britain's Export Trade

LONDON, Dec. 20 (BWS).—The remarkable recovery in Britain's export trade, revealed in Board of Trade figures, are greeted with satisfaction by the press which considers the figures against the German claim to have blockaded the British Isles. Statistics show that imports arrived in volume for which more sterling was spent than in any month since January, 1938, and that exports went out more freely after a hold-up during the first two months of the war.

Regarding imports increases were shown in the value of grain and flour, meat and dairy produce, iron and steel, base metals and rubber. The most substantial increases are recorded in cocoa, much of which was resold abroad, in raw cotton, the value of which was three times that of November, 1938, in iron and steel and in oils, fats and resins. Tobacco imports were sharply cut down and less timber was taken.

CONSPICUOUS EXPANSION. Among the exports the most conspicuous expansion has been in cotton yarns and manufactures and woollen goods, cocoa, coal and chemicals, the value of which were all higher than in November last year.

Compared with October more iron and steel products, machinery and vehicles were shipped abroad.

In commenting on fact that imports show improvement with respect to the preceding month but also indicate an 8 per cent. rise in imports as compared with November, 1938, newspapers note that the categories in which principal increases occurred—cotton, non-ferrous ores, scrap, oil seed and oil, comprise commodities in which Germany is notoriously deficient.



Herr Walther Darre, Reich Minister for Rationing.

Supreme War Council

MEETING HELD IN PARIS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (BWS).—An official communique issued from No. 10, Downing Street, states: "A meeting of the Supreme War Council was held in Paris yesterday. The Council sat throughout the morning."

M. Champetier de Rles, General Gamelin and Admiral Darlan, who were accompanied by M. Leger, represented France. Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax and Lord Chatfield, who were accompanied by Sir Ronald Campbell, General Ironside and Sir Alexander Cadogan, represented Great Britain.

FRENCH CONGRATULATIONS. In welcoming the British representatives, M. Daladier congratulated Great Britain on the gallant and victorious action which had led to the destruction of the Admiral Graf Spee.

CLOSE STUDY. The Supreme War Council made a close study of the general situation and found that the British and French Governments were completely at one on all questions discussed.

The Council accordingly took such decisions as were required to make the best use of means of action at the joint disposal of the two countries in the diplomatic and military spheres.

CHANGED SITUATION. PARIS Dec. 20 (Havas).—Informed quarters understand that the meeting of the Allied War Council yesterday served to examine the changes brought about in the international situation by the fact that Russia is no longer a neutral power and no more a member of the League of Nations.

The Council also examined ways and means of granting effective material aid to Finland, and also what attitude France and Britain would adopt if Sweden was involved in the conflict.

FINNISH PROBLEM. It is understood that the last French Cabinet meeting was devoted to the Finnish problem.

It is believed the Allied Council decided not only on questions of principle but also methods of enforcement of concrete measures. Although the authorities refrain from specifying how Anglo-French co-operation is being enforced in this field.

Hello & Goodbye

(BY A. W. HYER)

There have been many residents and visitors migrating in and out of Hongkong this week. This morning you will note a Dutch steamer in from the south, en route to the North, beside a British steamer which arrives today from English and European ports.

Pan American Airways' Honolulu Clipper will put in an appearance on Friday from San Francisco and way ports. The return flight to the west coast of America will be on Saturday morning.

Imperial Airways

Wednesday at 7 a.m., Captain C. R. Davies, assisted by Acting Captain J. Brunton, was off for Bangkok in the R.M.A. Denebola. Mail for all Empire ports totalled 208 kilos.

Mr. R. Lasale, of the local office of John Manners & Co., Ltd., was bound for Sourabaya.

Mr. R. A. Bartlett, travelling to Singapore, was the other passenger on this service.

Imperial Airways' R. M. A. Dardanus arrived at Kai Tak from Fort Bayard at 3.10 p.m. yesterday. Captain J. N. Wilson, Mr. White, Mr. French and Mr. J. Crosbie, all company employees were on the plane. Someone, not us, swears they counted 92 bullet holes in the fuselage and wings of the Dardanus—it must have been some shooting with those Japanese Military planes in action!

Mr. E. Burn, the tall, handsome gentleman who takes care of the British Government inspection of all aircraft here departed for his home base in Singapore this morning on a Dutch steamer.

Cheng Ho

We are keeping our eye on that junk Cheng Ho and all the crew day by day there are new developments but now they are definitely sure at Ah King's Slipway that the craft will be under way the day after Christmas en route to Manila.

Gordon Torrey has decided to become a businessman and give up the ways of a seaman, therefore, he is counted out of the sailing list. However, his younger brother is still on the crew.

Mr. J. Peterson, the great, big, tall man and another "mow-em-down" of the ladies, is at it again. Many will remember this sailor-man was skipper of the junk Pang-jin which departed from our harbour last year en route to New York. This he will assist Mr. Kilkeny in sailing the Cheng Ho to Manila.

Further reports concerning and friends for the Christmas season.

Pan American Airways

There was quite a gallery out at Kai Tak to witness the arrival of the China Clipper from San Francisco. The Martin flyingboat, making a very fast landing, touched the bay waters, at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday. Captain H. L. Turner was aboard.

One of the most charming visitors to our shores for many days was Mrs. C. Sheppard, an American en route to Shanghai and home. This visitor's husband, Lieut. Commander C. J. Sheppard, R.N., is attached to the British Embassy in the northern city. The Clipper trip was great and the lady was in a big hurry to reach home and reside by Christmas.

Mr. Jack Mier, a gentleman who knows what it takes to make all the women beautiful, arrived from Manila on a business call. Representative of the Max Factor Co. he reported the cosmetic business was splendid.

Mr. A. J. F. Barretto and his fiancée Miss Simone Levy (now Mrs. A. J. F. Barretto) came to Hongkong to get married in the Kowloon Union Church.

Southbound

Bound for Manila, the Pan American Airways' China Clipper left our shores on Thursday at 7.30 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Van Sickle were en route to Manila. This is our commuting International Harvester Co. representative on the go again, but this time his attractive blonde wife took the trail with him.

Down to Manila flying by the Clipper went Mr. L. R. Nielsen, official of the Hongkong Mines Ltd.

And another local resident travelling south on this flyingboat was Mr. Alexander Malcolm.

Mrs. E. M. Herridge, accompanied by her young daughter, Miss Janet Herridge, embarked on a journey to Manila joining family and friends for the Christmas season.

RARELY SAW A WOMAN FOR PAST TWENTY-FOUR YEARS

REFUGEE MONKS FROM FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Fifteen refugee monks from Arctic Finland arrived safely in Stockholm yesterday.

One of them said he had rarely seen a woman for the past 24 years of his monastic retirement.

FLED BEFORE REDS

They fled before the approach of the Red Army and all said that but for their age they would now be fighting against Soviet Russia.

When the Soviet arrived at their monastery, the monks said, they destroyed a number of valuable icons and paintings.

"We fled in sub-freezing weather, with no time save even our clothes," they declared.

POLAND'S WAR EFFORTS IN THE ALLIED CAUSE

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—Poland's war efforts in the Allied cause were discussed by a member of the Polish Military Mission to Britain.

Agreement has been reached with the British Government for units of the Polish Navy to operate with the Royal Navy for "the duration."

They are comprised of destroyers and submarines and are manned by Poles. A few Polish merchantmen are now in enemy hands. The Polish land forces are now training in France.

About 10 p.m. yesterday fire broke out at No. 10 Yat Fo Street, West Point. The Fire Brigade was summoned and extinguished the flames in a few minutes.

30 Million Tons More U.K. Coal

Britain is planning to increase her output of coal by about 30,000,000 tons a year.

Much of the extra coal will be used to meet the increasing demands of the export market. Bigger supplies are required by France, and large orders are expected from Italy as the result of negotiations now being actively pursued with the Italian Government.

Under the terms of the Anglo-Polish Agreement, now at an end because Polish mines are in Germany's possession, the valuable Scandinavian market was divided almost equally between Britain and Poland. Britain is making a bold effort not only to retain its share of this market, but to increase it.

Proposals whereby Britain's coal-production can be greatly expanded are being submitted to the Government by the coal-owners' and coal-miners' organisations. The coal is there, and so are the men who can win it from the earth.

The Government is anxious to achieve the additional output because of the importance for maintaining export trade as a means of paying for increased imports due to the demands of war.

Home industries will also want more coal than formerly, now that munition and other factories involved in the country's war effort are coming into maximum production.

AIR WAR BEGINNING IN EARNEST: LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS BY GERMAN AIR FORCE NOW LIKELY

Nazi Planes Reported Off The Shetlands

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The recent increase in air activities has prompted Berlin to believe that the war is beginning in earnest and attempts will now be made by the German Air Force to show their capabilities in carrying out large scale attacks, says the Berlin Correspondent of the Dagbladet.

Nazi Air Force officials claim that German reconnaissance planes have obtained comprehensive aerial photographs both of Britain and France.

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—German planes were reported off the Shetlands yesterday afternoon and R. A. F. fighters went up to give them battle.

FALSE REPORT

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that the German News Agency report that British aircraft yesterday morning bombed towns in the island of Sylt is entirely false.

51 ENGAGEMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that British aircraft have brought down nearly half the German bomber and reconnaissance aircraft engaged by them during the first two active months of the war.

During fifty-one engagements over British land and sea in October and November, twenty-one raiders were destroyed, thirteen of which were seen to strike land or water. It is known that many more failed to return to Germany.

Only one British pilot was slightly wounded and no British fighter aircraft were shot down in the United Kingdom since the outbreak of the war.

MORE REMARKABLE

The statement adds that the record is more remarkable when it

NAZI TROOPS ON BELGIAN & DUTCH FRONTIERS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that between nineteen and twenty German corps are now concentrated along the German frontiers of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

CRACK NAZI LINER A BLAZING MASS

COLUMBUS SHARES FATE OF THE GRAF SPEE

LONDON, DEC. 20 (REUTERS)—THE CRACK NORD-DEUTSCHER LLOYD 32,000-TONS LINER COLUMBUS, THIRD BIGGEST VESSEL OF THE GERMAN MERCHANT FLEET ELECTED TO SHARE THE FATE OF THE GRAF SPEE YESTERDAY, WHEN SHE WAS INTERCEPTED BY A BRITISH DESTROYER IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. The liner is still afloat, a huge blazing mass, and American warships are near at hand ready to sink her if she should become a danger to navigation.

She was set on fire either by side the American 300-mile neu-bombs or by the ignition of her huge cargo of petroleum to evade capture and some 400 survivors have been picked up by the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa.

The American warship came upon the scene of the burning Columbus at about 11 a.m. (E.S.T.) and found a British destroyer standing by.

There was no indication of any un-neutral act and no firing of any kind was heard. The incident appears to have occurred just in

Junk Piracy In Chinese Waters

Six pirates, armed with revolvers and rifles, boarded a cargo junk off Sam Mun, in Chinese waters, on December 15, and robbed the crew and passengers of money, clothing and merchandise to a total value of about \$17,847.

The loss included 100 tubes of Government prepared opium, valued at \$240.

The junk left Swatow for Hong-kong on December 15, and when sailing off Sam Mun, a pirate craft approached and halted her with rifle fire. They then ordered the crew to unload the cargo.

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OFFICERS & MEN OF GRAF SPEE INTERVIEWED

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Argentine Government has decided to interview officers and men of the Graf Spee who landed in Buenos Aires following the scuttling of the battleship.

Those who returned to Uruguay have already been interviewed.

U.S. READY TO SEND WARSHIPS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Montevideo correspondent of the New York Times quoting "an unimpeachable diplomatic source" states that the American nations were ready to send warships to force the Graf Spee to leave Uruguay if she refused.

Following consultations by wire, the correspondent states, the American Foreign Ministers agreed that one of Uruguay's neighbours—presumably Argentina—should send two large warships to Montevideo.

These would have taken up positions on either side of the Graf Spee and ordered her to accompany them to sea.

ANOTHER NAZI SHIP RUN TO GROUND

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Another Nazi ship has been run to ground, this time a large oil-tanker, fully laden which was endeavouring to steal out of the Gulf of Mexico by hugging the coast of the United States.

Challenged by H.M.S. Orion, which fired shot across her bows and ordered her to steam east, the German skipper took a chance and steamed west and managed to get inside American territorial waters before the British cruiser could cut her off.

PARALLEL COURSE

The vessels then steamed on a parallel course, the tanker just inside and the cruiser just outside territorial waters.

Finally, the tanker anchored outside an American port and the Orion dropped anchor within sight of her, about one-and-a-half miles outside territorial waters.

The American authorities are examining the Nazi ship and if she is armed she will be ordered to leave in twenty-four hours.

COASTGUARD REPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Washington coastguard headquarters announce that the German tanker Arauca entered American territorial waters near Port Everglades, in Florida, apparently trying to escape a pursuing British warship.

Other sources state that the warship tried to stop the tanker by firing across her bows after encountering her just outside the three-mile limit.

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FULL EXTENT OF BRITISH NAVAL POWER REVEALED

IN RECENT EVENTS

FOOLISH GERMAN BOASTS

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Recent news reveals the full extent of British naval power. While fighting successful actions in the North Sea and Montevideo, the British Navy was simultaneously engaged in the gigantic task of conveying the first contingent of Canadian Forces across the Atlantic.

The successful performance of three such arduous tasks over such a large area sheds light on the foolish German boast of control in the North Sea and the Atlantic.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN KOWLOON

The Christmas Concert given last night by the Christ Church Mandarin Service Choir and the Hop Yat Church Choir attracted one of the largest attendances over to St. Andrew's Church Hall. The hall was fully packed, while there were about 150 people gathered in the adjoining grounds.

The programme of music was well selected, and the choir were ably conducted by Mr. Fung Hin-tung. Miss Mu-Yun Yung assisted at the organ, and Mr. K. W. Mok at the piano.

The Fanling Hunt is meeting at Fanling Lodge at 2.45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 1. His Excellency the Governor will be "At Home."

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HARD ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN RUSSIAN PLANES AND FINNISH DEFENCES

Sea Battles Off Coast Of America

MR. SUMNER WELLES ON PREVENTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, in a speech last night, declared that American States will take steps to prevent a recurrence of sea battles off the American coast.

He referred to the Pan-American Conference Security Zone and said that events of the past few days have shown a disregard by belligerents of the rights asserted by American Republics.

He added that the American Governments would promptly take measures "to make very much less likely in the future such disregard of their inalienable rights for self-protection."

INVASION OF FINLAND

Mr. Welles did not hint as to the nature of the measures but said that they would be taken after consultations. He also, by direct implication, denounced Russia's invasion of Finland.

Recalling M. Molotov's "extraordinary address" in October, in which he declared that Cuba had been unable to obtain "freedom" from the United States, Mr. Welles declared: "Certainly the policy of the United States toward her neighbour Cuba, in order to insure the freedom and independence of the latter, has not been a policy which manifested itself in ruthless efforts at military invasion of that neighbour nor in the slaughter of helpless civilians through bombardment from the air."

Mr. Welles suggested that when M. Molotov spoke he must have been so engrossed in Russia's efforts to insure "in the present Soviet manner" the freedom and political independence of Finland as to have been prevented from learning that Cuba is as free as any country in the world.

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—A meeting of the Supreme War Council was held in Paris yesterday morning, those attending including Mr. Neville Chamberlain, M. Daladier and Gen. Gamelin. They met at the War Ministry.

Finns Claim To Have Sunk Warship

HELSINKI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Several fierce engagements between Soviet raiders and Finnish anti-aircraft defences occurred yesterday and it is claimed that four Red bombers were shot down.

The Russians bombed Hangoe on four different occasions, but the only serious damage was to a hospital on the outskirts.

BIGGEST UNIT

HELSINKI, Dec. 20 (Havas)—It is unofficially reported that the Finns have sunk the "October Revolution," one of the biggest units of the Red Fleet.

The warship was six miles off the Finnish coast, knowing the Finnish coastal batteries' range was only five miles, but in the last few days the Finns had secretly placed new guns and in a few minutes these sank the Soviet ship.

The "October Revolution" was built in 1911 and modernised in 1926. She was of 23,000 tons and carried 12 12-inch guns.

In the Imperial Russian Navy she bore the name Gangut.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (Havas)—Despite Soviet denials it is confirmed in well-informed circles that Soviet troops violated the Norwegian frontier.

It is also stated that the Soviet manoeuvre in northern Finland failed as the Finns are falling back in an orderly manner.

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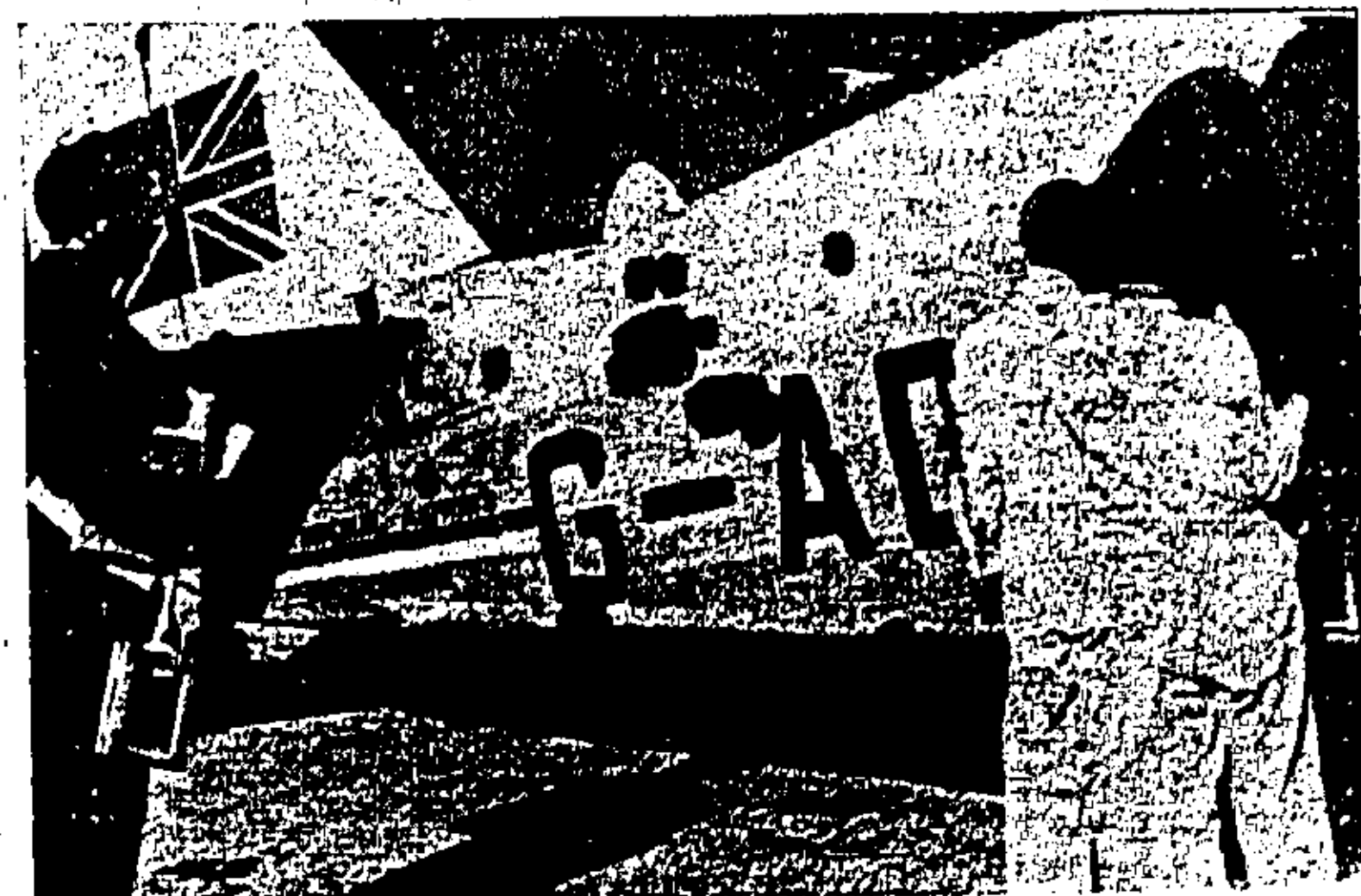
Special to the Hongkong Daily Press

OSLO, Dec. 20 (Havas)—The Official Norwegian News Bureau announced that the Soviets have occupied the entire strip of Finnish territory separating Norway in the extreme north from the U.S.S.R.

The new Soviet Headquarters in the Northern Front has been established in Salmijarvi.

Soviet troops there are reported to comprise 100,000, with mechanised detachments, against a maximum of 10,000 Finns. Soviet losses continue to be heavy.

From the Norwegian border, and dance music are heard from Russian troops gathered around campfires despite a temperature of 58 centigrade below zero.



The Imperial Airways' R.M.A. Dardanus arrived at Kai Tak yesterday afternoon. The aircraft was shot down by Japanese military planes while over Weichow Island a few weeks ago. Bullet holes may be observed on the craft.

TWO U-BOAT SUNK

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—M. Camille, French Minister of the Navy, announced that two U-boats were recently sunk by the Allied Navies, one by the French cruiser Sirocco.

This is the third U-boat sunk by the Sirocco.

Yangtse

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ture aimed at a renewal of the Japanese-American trade pact which is to expire next month.

"DIPLOMATIC TRAP"

The Sing Tao Jih Pao says that Japan's partial re-opening of the Yangtze is apparently intended to induce the United States and Britain to fall into her "diplomatic trap."

While contending in the past that the Yangtze could not be reopened for "military" reasons the Japanese have actually been navigating the river with merchantmen heavily loaded with commercial goods under the nose of American, British and French traders, the journal points out.

Re-opening of the river, the journal says, has been delayed apparently for first establishing a Japanese monopoly of shipping and trade. Even if the river is now re-opened, its benefits to foreign interests will be nil.

DARDANUS ARRIVES IN COLONY

Imperial Airways' R.M.A. Dardanus, which was shot down by Japanese planes over Weichow Island early last month while en route to Bangkok, has finally returned to Hongkong.

The craft, piloted by Captain J. N. Wilson, left Weichow Island last week and spent the week-end at Fort Bayard where minor repairs were made by company engineers. Approximately 92 bullet holes were found in the wings and fuselage and a new propeller was necessary.

The aircraft arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 3.10 p.m. Captain Wilson was in command and was accompanied by Mr. Clark, radio officer, Mr. French and Mr. J. Crosbie, engineers of Imperial Airways.

The Dardanus will proceed to Singapore immediately after Christmas where it will undergo a complete overhaul.

GREGORY WANTS TO DIVORCE

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Bob Gregory, the wrestler, states that he intends to divorce his wife, formerly Valerie Brooke, daughter of H. H. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak.

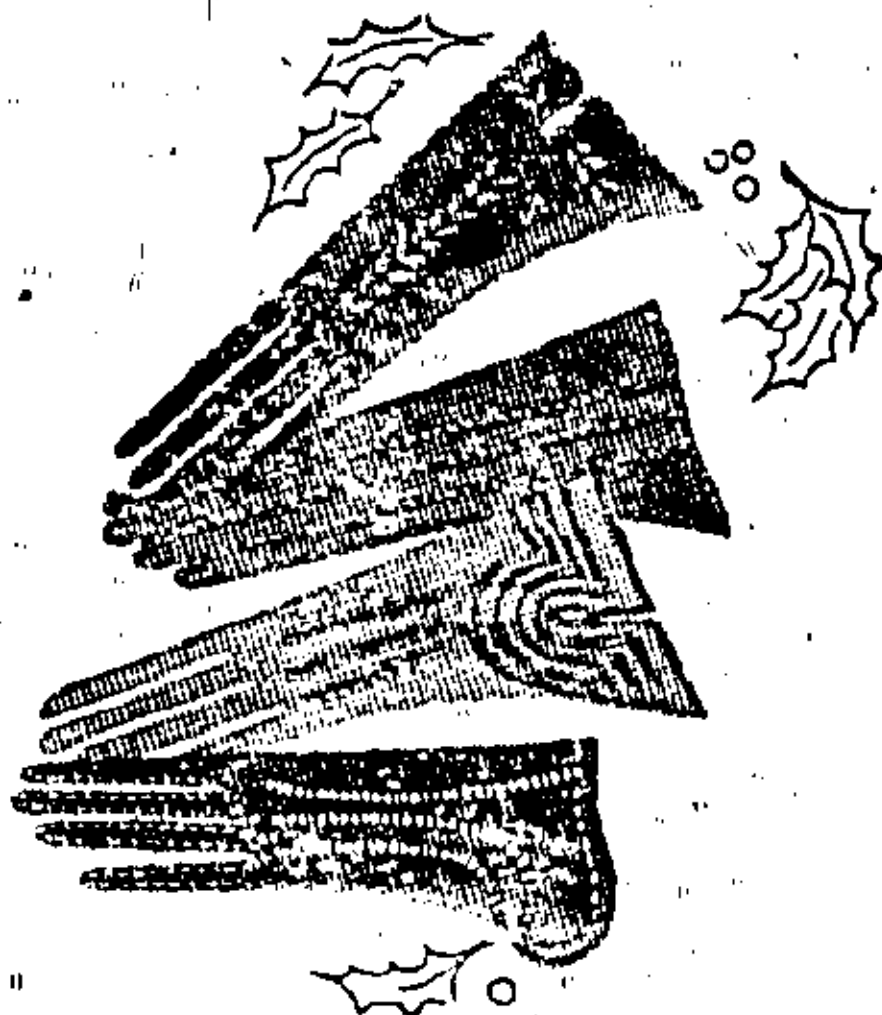
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Spectators at the 13th Extra Race meeting held at Happy Valley.

CHINA WAR NEWS

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CENTRAL HUPEH

FANCHENG, HUPEH, Dec. 20 (Central)—Fighting on the King-shan-Chungshiang highway, in Central Hupeh, increased in severity yesterday. Through out the day, artillery boomed on the whole front.

Over 1,000 invaders at Huang-chiachih, north-east of Chungshiang, were badly beaten, suffering some 200 casualties. The Chinese are now vigorously attacking Chungshiang.

On the Hankow-Ichang highway, the Japanese yesterday launched a counter-attack near Hsiangchian with the support of aircraft and artillery, but were thrown back following desperate combats.

TANKS IN ACTION

Using tanks as spearhead, over 3,000 Japanese attempted to drive a wedge into the Chinese positions at Topowan on the north side of the bend of the Han River. They were repulsed and several tanks captured.

Subjected to Chinese pressure, Japanese units around Tsenkiang, on the south bank of the Han River, about 85 miles above Hankow, have withdrawn inside the town.

It is estimated that the Japanese have suffered over 2,000 casualties in the recent fighting in Central Hupeh.

SOUTH HUPEH

PINGKIANG, HUNAN, Dec. 20 (Central)—Tungcheng, Japanese base of operations in South Hupeh, is surrounded on the east, west and south. Fighting is in progress in the outskirts. Chishan, in the east outskirts, and Kikunghuan, in the southern outskirts, are occupied by the Chinese. Owing to the destruction of highways, the Japanese beleaguered in the city are depending upon airplanes for the replenishment of supplies.

Part of the Chinese who recently recaptured Tsungyang, 23 miles north of Tungcheng, sallied forth in three directions, on Sunday night. One column swooped down upon Kweikowshih, southwest of Tsungyang, and drove the Japanese out. A second column pushed northward and broke into Chungfowu on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 18 miles south-west of Sienning and three miles north-east of Puchi, inflicting 540 Japanese casualties. They continued to push northward to Sienning.

Many dispatches sent by Japanese units at various points in South Hupeh asking for reinforcements and supplies have been intercepted by the Chinese.

COMMUNICATION CUT

CHANGTSE, HUNAN, Dec. 20 (Central)—Field dispatches from Hupeh state that the Chinese have occupied Kwangshui and Hwayuan, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, respectively 89 and 61 miles north of Hankow, cutting communication on the line.

Other Chinese units are approaching Suhsien and Anlu, in North-East Hupeh. A report yet unconfirmed claims that Anlu has been regained.

On the Hankow-Ichang highway the Chinese are keeping up their harassing attacks.

Tsenkiang and Heliutu (Black Current Ferry) on the Yangtze River, about 95 miles above Hankow, are both under heavy Chinese attack.

Over fifty Japanese have been taken prisoner in Hupeh recently and about 100 Japanese heavy and light machine-guns, 10 mountain and field guns and 1,000 rifles were captured.

NANCHANG ENCOUNTER

SIUSHUI, Kiangsi, Dec. 19 (Central)—The Chinese force which recovered Lohwa, on the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway, nine miles north of Nanchang, yesterday morning pushed to the Nanchang northern suburbs where they

engaged the Japanese. Fighting lasted till noon when the Japanese withdrew into the city.

SOUTH-EAST SHANSI

HINGTSI, SHENSI, Dec. 20 (Central)—The Chinese are counter-attacking at Changtse and Tunliu, Japanese strongholds in South-East Shansi.

They have recaptured several points in the Changtse suburbs and are now pushing towards the town. On the Tunliu sector they have recovered Paotienchen.

A Japanese detachment pushing eastward on the Yicheng-Tsinshui highway has been repulsed. Fighting, however, continues in the neighbourhood.

COUNTER-ATTACK

TSINGYUAN, KWANGTUNG, Dec. 20 (Central)—Three Chinese columns launched a counter-attack at Yuanam and Nganchangau along the Canton-Hankow Railway in Kwangtung at noon on Monday. Subjected to flank and rear attacks, the Japanese were forced to retire at 3 p.m.

AT PENGTSSEH

POWLIANG, KIANGSI, Dec. 20 (Central)—Chinese troops commenced a counter-offensive on the south bank of the Yangtze River, 38 miles below Kiukiang, on Monday. They recovered Machialing and Shihfengshan, east of Pengtsseh, and are attacking Fakwantsien and Shuangfengtsien, south-east of Pengtsseh.

TOWN BOMBED

YULIN, SHENSI, Dec. 20 (Central)—Yulin, in North Shensi, was subjected to a fierce air attack by 38 Japanese planes last Saturday. Many bombs were released inside and outside the city, starting two

UNDER THE GERMAN HEEL

An authoritative German statement has been published which shows that their policy in Eastern Europe has two chief objects, applicable to all acquired territories—first, the reduction of the Poles to subservience; secondly, the promotion of German prosperity.

The statement explains that collaboration with the Poles must not even be attempted, but that every German must understand from the outset that his efforts must only and always be anti-Polish. Sentiment must be avoided absolutely and any idea of equal rights for Germans and Poles not entertained a moment.

CLEAR DUTY

If a German peasant and a Polish ex-magnate are neighbours, the peasant's clear duty is to show that he is above the magnate. No neighbourly intercourse can be

THE WAR AT SEA

SURVIVORS FROM SHIPS SUNK

GENOA, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The captain of the Italian cargo steamer, Caterina Gerolmich, reported on arrival here that he had landed at Dover eleven British sailors taken from a submarine in the English channel.

The sailors, four of whom were wounded, were from the British steamer Daring, which was torpedoed by a U-boat which later put them on board the Caterina Gerolmich.

VESSEL TORPEDOED

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Thirteen survivors of the Norwegian steamer Giltrefjell, 1,568 tons, were landed at a Scottish port. The Captain and four seamen lost their lives and it is believed that the vessel was torpedoed.

NAZI SHIP SCUTTLED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The German liner Columbus is reported to have scuttled herself. The United States cruiser Tuscaloosa is standing by to pick up her crew.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The British steamer, City of Edoe, has been sunk in the North Sea by torpedo or mine. She is 4,373 tons and is owned by the Ellerman Line.

Only eighteen survivors have been picked up and ten British members of the crew and forty-two Lascars are missing.

WATER AS FUEL FOR MOTOR CARS

Signor Pietro Pasoli, of Bergamo has succeeded in applying motor vehicles by means of the electrolysis of common water, namely, its decomposition by chemical action into oxygen and hydrogen. The oxygen is eliminated, while the hydrogen is used as driving power. It is claimed that the inventor has applied his system to an ordinary car, which develops the same speed as with petrol and is run at very low cost, so much so, in fact, that he covers 100 miles for less than 6d.

Signor Pasoli's invention is one of the 18 different systems now used in Italy for propelling motor vehicles by selfproducing gas or the use of alcohol or marsh gas.

Special facilities are granted for the transformation of cars to run on gas. In the case of new cars owners are subsidised and exempted from paying the licence for five years, while subsidies are granted to concerns who run bus services both in town and country.—Daily Telegraph.

allowed that would be detrimental to this relationship.

Poles must everywhere be segregated from Germans and socially isolated.

This frank explanation ends with a declaration that Germany will not in any circumstances permit Polish culture or Polish economy to grow.

The East Prussian authorities have announced that the frontier must at present remain closed between East Prussia and the Suwalki triangle—an area of Poland which the Red Army occupied and then ceded to Germany—because the Government have decided to exploit this territory as a German colony as it is particularly suitable for supplying the Reich with timber, rye, potatoes, and geese.—The Times.

BALACLAVA HELMETS WANTED BY R.A.F.

Countless parcels of Balaclava helmets, mittens, and scarves arrive daily at the R.A.F. Comforts depot in Berkeley-square. They are a fraction of what is needed. "Please tell women that we want masses more of everything," an official asked.

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MATERIALS REQUIRED

Two oz 4-ply fingering Royal Air Force blue, or nearest colour.

Four needles, size No. 7.

Cast on 96 stitches. Knit 2, purl 2 for 5 inches, then proceed as follows.

Knit 2, purl 2 for 24 stitches. Place these on a piece of wool or stitch-holder, for the face.

Work 58 rows of plain knitting on the remaining 72 stitches. Then knit 47, slip 1, knit 1, pass

slip stitch over and turn.

Knit 23, slip 1, knit 1, slip stitch over and turn. Repeat 2nd row until all stitches are worked on the needle (24 stitches).

Knit 24 stitches, pick up 28 for right side of face. Knit 2, purl 2 for chin. For left side of face, pick up 28 stitches.

There should be 104 stitches in all. Knit 2, purl 2 on these stitches for 12 rows. Cast off in usual way.

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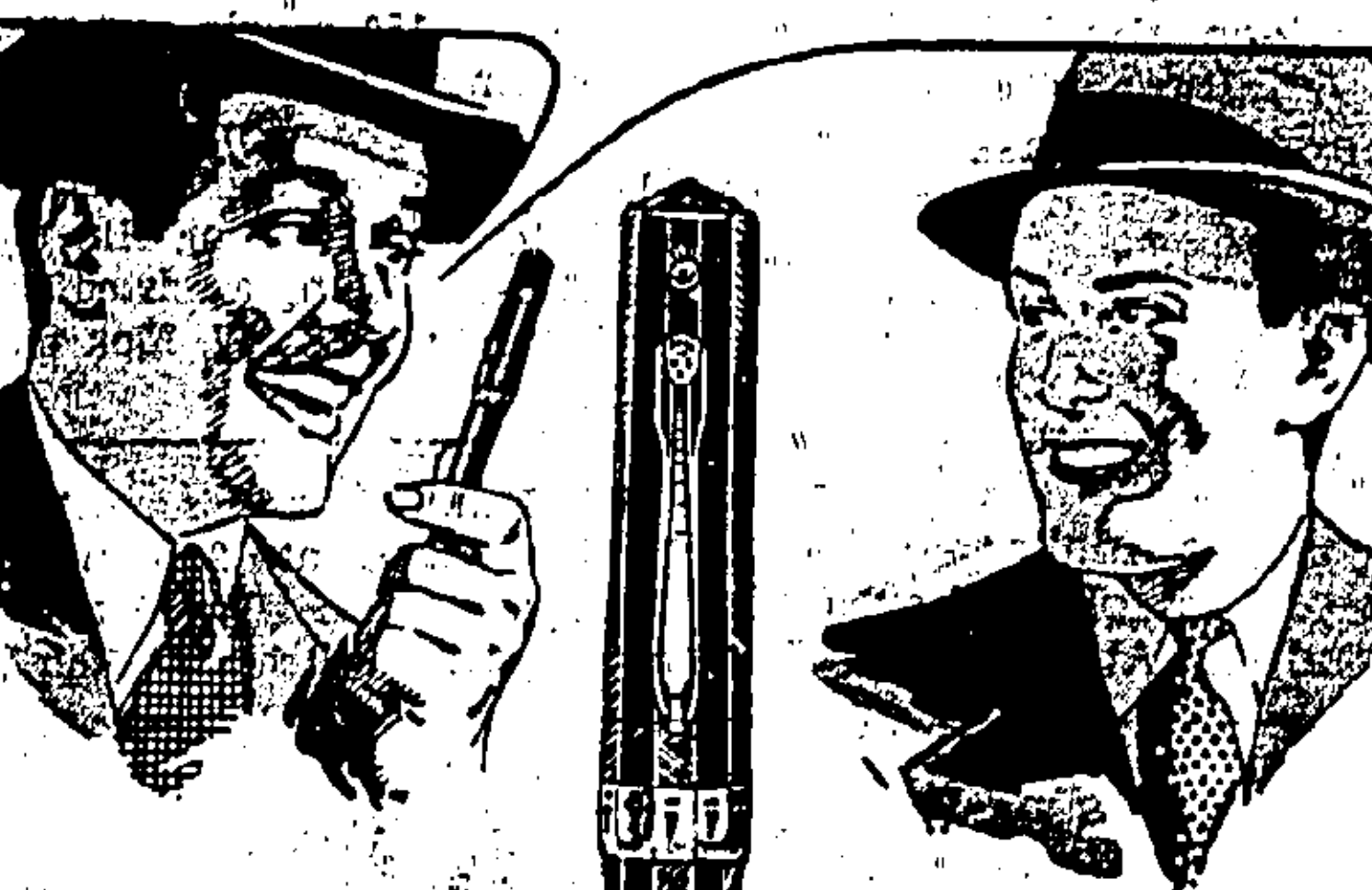
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Japanese Destruction Of American Properties

CHUNGKING (By Mail): It is learned from authoritative sources that there have been over 150 cases in which American properties in China have been attacked by Japanese planes since the outbreak of war in 1937.

Following are 39 of the more glaring incidents of Japanese violation of American property and nationals:

Aug. 22, 1937—United Christian Mission Society Hospital at Nantunghow, a north-bank town at the Yangtze estuary, bombed. Two U.S. nurses killed.

Oct. 24—American defence sector in Shanghai bombed. Four U.S. officers and men killed.

Dec. 5—American godown in Wuhu, above Nanking, wrecked.

Dec. 12—U. S. S. Panay bombed off Holsien in Anhui. Fifteen persons killed, wounded. Ship machine-gunned by Japanese troops aboard steam launches before sinking.

Jan. 1, 1938—American mission school in west Canton destroyed.

Feb. 10—American mission in Lanfeng, east Honan, destroyed. One missionary lady killed.

Feb. 10—One American missionary killed in Tenghsien, Shantung.

Feb. 14—American mission in Chengchow, Honan, hit.

May 13—One American mission building in Chengchow, Honan, attacked.

May 24—American Presbyterian Mission, South, at Hanchow, north-east Kiangsu, attacked.

Oct. 24—American defence sector Mission, South, at Hanchow, north-east Kiangsu, again attacked.

June 12—St. Hilda's School for Girls of American Church Mission, Wuchang, hit.

June 15—Primary school of Southern Baptist Convention at Pingtu, west of Tsiungtao, destroyed.

June 15—One mission school for girls in Canton attacked.

June 17—One mission building in Foochow bombed.

June 17—Campus of Lingnan University (formerly Canton Christian College) in Canton bombed.

July 12—One mission building in Wuchang hit.

July 12—Sanitarium of American Mission in Wuchang, attacked.

Aug. 24—C. N. A. C. (Sino-American concern plane "Kweilin" attacked at Cheungkiapin, Chungshan.

Sept. 17—American hospital at Wuchow, Kwangsi, badly damaged.

Oct. 15—Lutheran Brethren Mission at Tungpo, Honan, damaged. One American missionary lady injured.

Nov. 3—Covenant Missionary Society at Kiangmen, Hupeh, destroyed.

Jan. 15, 1939—American Reformed Presbyterian Mission at Loting, Kwangtung, partially damaged.

Mar. 7—Baptist Missionary Society, in Sian, Shensi, bombed.

Mar. 7—China Inland Mission at Pingliang, Kansu, partially damaged.

Mar. 9—American Church Mission at Ichang, Hupeh, partially damaged.

Mar. 14—American Church Mission bombed. St. James School totally wrecked.

Mar. 14—Kuling American School hit.

Mar. 18—Unidentified American mission at Chengchow, Honan, attacked.

Mar. 18—Covenant Missionary Society at Shasi, Hupeh, hit. Three killed.

Mar. 20—Lutheran United Mission at Fancheng, northwest Hupeh, damaged.

Mar. 29—Unidentified mission at Wanshsien, Szechwan, partially damaged.

April 4—Church Missionary Society in Changsha wrecked.

April 21—American mission hospital in Foochow badly damaged.

May 4—Friends Mission in Chungking burned down.

May 29—Baptist Church at Shiohwan, north Kwangtung, demolished.

June 11—West China Union University campus in Chengtu damaged.

Aug. 18—American mission at Yeungkong, Kwangtung, (believed to be Presbyterian Mission, North) hit.

Sept. 21—Southern Baptist Convention at Luichow, south Kwangtung facing Hainan Island, badly damaged.—(Central News).

BURMESE GOODWILL MISSION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (Central)—The Burmese Goodwill Mission will fly to Chengtu tomorrow morning.

This afternoon the party will attend the inaugural meeting of the Sino-Burmese Cultural Association at the International Club.

BURMESE JOURNALIST
Mr. U. Ba Chok, a member of the mission, who is Dean of the Burmese journalists and editor of the "Deekok" was entertained by the Chinese Newspapers' Joint Committee at dinner on Monday.

He expressed profound admiration for the spirit of the Chinese Fourth Estate and said that closer relations should be fostered between the Chinese and Burmese newspapermen.

CLOSE RELATIONS

In response to his suggestion, the Committee has written a letter to be brought back by him to the Burmese Newspapers' Union.

The letter states the close relationship between China and Burma, and expresses the hope that the journalists of the two countries will pool their efforts to overthrow the Japanese militarists, who are the common enemy of East Asia.

VOLUNTEER CORPS FORMED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Having been approved by the War Ministry, volunteer corps are being organised in Tienchu and Kwelchow, according to Chinese reports here. Between 600 and 700 able-bodied men are said to have already joined.

DUTCH DEFENCE LOAN

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Prime Minister, M. de Geer, announced that almost 100,000,000 guilders had been subscribed by the public to the Netherlands Defence Loan issued yesterday, in addition to 60,000,000 guilders subscribed by public corporation.

Six Men Run Villa "Monastery"

Six young men, none of whom is aged over 22, have formed, in a very typical 20th-century London suburban villa, a monastic order that the Middle Ages would have found hard to beat.

The house is in Springdale-road, Stoke Newington, N. There these six young men do their own cooking, housework, and pool all their resources, even sharing each other's clothes.

One of them, Basil Savage, a Civil Servant, appeared before the London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal and revealed the community's existence.

He mentioned that one of his fellow members was wearing some of his clothes at that moment.

He was registered as a conscientious objector on condition he secured agricultural work.

"We got to know each other at Peace Pledge Union meetings," Mr. Savage said. "When we devised this idea of living together our parents were sceptical, but we carried on."

We took this house over when war broke out. Our ages range from 22 to 18, four of us are Civil Servants, and another, who is out of work now, does the cooking and housework. All of us, when the time comes, will object to military service.

"We live here with no quarrels. If one did crop up we should deal with it by talking it over. There is no chief spokesman or head. We are all equal."

MONEY POOLED

"Our money is paid into a pool, out of which a little is drawn each week by the members for their own personal comforts. The balance, if any, will be used to help other outer outside members."

Mr. Vivian Petty, aged 18, is the cook and "housewife."

"We are all vegetarians," he said. "It makes cooking more difficult. I do the shopping, attend to the tradespeople, the washing-up, and as much cleaning up around the house as I possibly can."

"It is my contribution while I am not earning money to pay into the

A.R.P. ORDERS

(A.R.P. Orders by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions).

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Greetings:—The Director of Air Raid Precautions wishes all members of the A.R.P. Services a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

A.R.P. Exercise (December 17, 1939)

Many lessons of practical value were learnt and the Director of Air Raid Precautions wishes to convey his appreciation of the manner in which all A.R.P. Personnel responded to the novel situations with which they were confronted.

The spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm which pervaded all personnel augurs well for the future.

Appointments

The following appointments are notified for the A.R.P. Establishment.

Hongkong: Mr. H. Y. Tso—District Warden, Western Division.

Kowloon: Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews—Deputy District Warden.

Tsimshatsui Division, Mr. Li Ying Cheung—Deputy District Warden.

Tsimshatsui Division, Mr. J. E. Noronha—District Warden, Mongkok Division.

District Warden, Mr. C. L. Rocha—District Warden, Mongkok Division.

Mr. J. Pasco—District Warden, Mongkok Division.

Mr. J. L. Youngs—Deputy District Warden, Mongkok Div.

Mr. Ma Kam Kong—Deputy District Warden, Mongkok Div.

Mr. Shek Yuen Kuen—Deputy District Warden, Mongkok Div.

Mr. Kwan Yew Kwen—Deputy District Warden, Hunghom Div.

Mr. Wong Shui Ming—Deputy District Warden, Hunghom Div.

The Women's A.R.P. Union, Lower Albert Road, will be closed as from December 23 to January 2, 1940.

Shamshui Division—Meeting of Divisional and District Wardens.

A Meeting of Divisional Wardens and District Wardens will be held at the Chinese Public Dispensary, Yee Kuk Street, on Thursday, December 28 at 6.45 p.m.

TRAINING

Forthcoming Lectures:—

Practical Course in English for Warden Instructors will be held at the Director of Air Raid Precautions Office, Lower Albert Road, as follows:—

For Men:—On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.45 p.m., commencing January 9, 1940. Lecturer:—Mr. R. P. Dunlop, B.Sc.

For Ladies:—Wednesdays and Fridays, commencing on January 10, 1940 at 5.45 p.m. Lecturer:—Mrs. E. F. Dunlop.

Instructors wishing to attend any of these classes are requested to send their names to the A.R.P. Department.

Practical Course Examination:—The attention of candidates is drawn to the fact that this examination will be held on Dec. 28 and 29 at King's College, Bonham Road, at 5.30 p.m., and not on December 20 and 21 as previously stated.

A.R.P. Examination: An examination for Wardens and Warden Instructors will be held at the Club Lusitano and the Wah Yan College on Dec. 27, 28 and 29, at 5.45 p.m., as follows:—

Dec. 27—Wardens' General and Instructors' Part I. Dec. 28—Instructors' Part II—Paper. Dec. 29—Instructors' Part III—Paper.

A.R.P. Classes (In Chinese). Yau-mat Government School, Nathan Road, Kowloon—Tues. and Fri., 7.30 p.m. Commencing Dec. 22. Lecturer:—Miss Lo Wai Man.

L.A.G.I. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Connaught Road, C.—Tues. and Fri., 7.30 p.m. Commencing Dec. 22, 1939. Lecturer:—Mr. Fung Yam Leung, L.A.R.P.S.

Confucius Society, Hollywood Rd. Tues. and Thurs., 7.30 p.m. commencing Dec. 21, 1939. Lecturer:—Mr. Francis Wong, L.A.R.P.S.

Baptist Church, Aberdeen—Wed. and Sat., 7.30 p.m. commencing Dec. 23, 1939. Lecturer:—Mr. Luen Hong Lok, L.A.G.I.

H. W. LEYDEN, Warden Instructor.

December 20, 1939.

pool. I am allowed money out of the pool for my comforts.

HOUSEWORK AT NIGHT

"At night the six of us put final touches to the cleaning, as we do not employ any woman."

"For recreation," interjected Mr. Savage, "we read and talk. We have quite a lot to discuss."

"This is our modern Utopia. It is anarchy, but we do not grow beards or carry bombs in our pockets."

"We are trying to extend this community. When peace comes we hope to have other places."

U.S. Campaign To Assist Finland

\$100,000 SENT TO FINNISH PREMIER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Mr. Herbert Hoover, former President of the United States, who is now head of the Finnish Relief Campaign, yesterday cabled the Finnish Prime Minister the sum of \$100,000 contributed by Americans for the relief of non-combatant victims.

STATEWIDE MOVE

Telegraph and telegram acceptances have been received from people in fourteen states, who had been requested by Mr. Hoover to start a statewide campaign. These people will appoint chairmen of local committees to co-operate with 200 daily newspapers participating in the scheme.

Mr. Hoover hopes to have acceptances from other states by the end of the week.

NAZI NEWS MUZZLING METHODS

NEUTRAL PRESSMEN WARNED

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The German authorities have devised a new method of preventing news about Germany reaching the outside world, despite the boast of not imposing censorship.

LATEST MOVE

It is already known that neutral correspondents are liable expulsion if they send out unfavourable news.

It is now stated that these correspondents have been warned that, if their colleague in neutral countries outside Germany send home unfavourable news, the correspondent in Germany will be prevented from working.

SOVIET WARSHIP REPORTED SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The Soviet warship reported to have been sunk off the Finnish coast was the large battleship October Revolution, according to reports from Helsinki.

The battleship was shelling the coastal batteries and standing off outside their range when the Finns brought up some heavy howitzers and scored a direct hit with the first salvo, disabling the craft.

They then pounded the doomed ship until she sank within an hour.

No official claim has yet been made, but the Finnish authorities stated that "it is quite likely."

TERRIFIC SALVO

HELSINKI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—A report of the sinking of a Soviet battleship asserts that the Russians knew that the range of the biggest guns of the Finnish batteries was only about three miles. They accordingly kept their warships just out of range.

The Finns, however, brought up bigger and better artillery and when a battleship was cruising within four miles from the shore, they fired a terrific salvo which hit and, it is believed, sank the battleship.

FURTHER RAIDS EXPECTED

HELSINKI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Soviet planes yesterday raided the outskirts of Helsinki in a renewal of their aerial assault on the Finnish capital. Eighteen machines took part, but only four managed to get near the city.

The first alarm was sounded at 11.20 a.m., the "All Clear" being sounded at 12.15 p.m.

A little later Soviet planes raided Viborg, one being shot down by anti-aircraft fire. There were no Finnish casualties.

The raiders approached Helsinki in scattered formation from the north and anti-aircraft guns went into action, two planes being shot down when they tried to bomb the airport.

Further raids were expected in view of the clear weather now prevailing.

The death occurred in London suddenly on Dec. 18, of Mrs. A. W. Burkill, wife of Mr. A. W. Burkill, Director of Messrs. A. R. Burkill and Sons, Shanghai, says Reuter.

GRAF SPEE'S FATE

SEVERE BLOW TO GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The fate of the Graf Spee is a severe blow for Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the Dagbladet, who declares that official quarters in the capital are very bitter regarding the refusal of the Uruguayan Government to allow the battleship an extension of time in order to enable the necessary repairs to be made.

BRITISH PRESSURE?

They accuse Uruguay of a flagrant breach of international law and declare that the matter will not be forgotten by Germany.

The allege that Uruguay submitted to British pressure and that, therefore, their action in sending the Graf Spee out of Montevideo "in a state of disrepair" was not in conformity with strict neutrality.

NAZI CONSOLATION

The correspondent adds, however, that there is still consolation in Germany that the Deutschland and Scheer can still harass British shipping and that British warships will still be obliged to operate far away from their home bases.

The Berlin representative of the Tidningen says that mourning for the Graf Spee is combined with gratification that the battleship did not fall into British hands.

The British counted on a cheap victory, says the German press, but Herr Hitler fooled them by his order to blow up the vessel.

The newspapers unite in declaring that the end of the Graf Spee was an honourable one and in conformity with the traditions of the German Navy.

Significant Changes Due In Europe

THE RUSSO-FINNISH CONFLICT

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The opinion is growing in Berlin that the Russo-Finnish war will shortly cause significant changes in the political position of Europe, says the Nyheter's Berlin representative.

The correspondent adds that Finland has been able to expose that both the Soviet and Germany are in an awkward position.

Germany is obliged to realise that nobody now fears her Russian Ally and even the economic support that Berlin anticipated from Moscow has hitherto proved non-existent.

Finland's opposition, too, has proved. Soviet military aid to be an illusion.

NO CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

There will be no further examinations for entry into permanent Civil Service until after the war.

Lord Stanhope, Lord President of the Council, dealing with a point raised by the Earl of Middleton in the debate in the House of Lords, said that anyone who is appointed will be subject at the most to a month's notice and, in some cases, to a week's notice.

Mr. W. J. Brown, General Secretary of the Civil Servants' Clerical Association, said that he considered the entire suspension of competitive examinations to be a great mistake.

"It was done in the last war," he said, "when temporary staff were taken on in place of normal recruits. When peace came these people had established such substantial 'squatter rights' that, in effect, there was no other course open than to admit them into the permanent Civil Service."

The Association is officially to oppose the policy.

PRO-JAPANESE CHINESE TROOPS KILLED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—More than 200 pro-Japanese Chinese troops were killed during severe street shooting in Canton between a party of mutineers and pro-Japanese troops, according to Chinese press reports here.

The headquarters of the Canton Garrison Commander, the reports allege, was destroyed by fire which was started by the mutineers.

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It is a wonderful tribute of course to the trustworthiness of the modern motor-vehicle, a characteristic of the British-built machines that have been so much in demand in South Africa, South America and Australasia, as well as the many islands which now contribute produce of one sort or another to world markets.

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OIL ENGINES

For heavy work, such as so much of this transport is, the oil engine has proved extraordinarily helpful, as its pulling power is so good over the whole of its speed range, while the economy, in cost and quantity of the fuel used, is most valuable.

Another point which is not stressed now quite so much as it was, although its importance is in no way diminished, is that of safety, for the danger of fire is reduced very greatly when using heavy oil fuel.

The power available from the oil engine may also be used to the greatest advantage through the installation of suitable gearboxes, as can be illustrated by the Foden

vehicles, which may be fitted with a five-speed gearbox where the operating conditions call for it.

It may be recalled that this firm also has a specially designed eight-speed gearbox which is fitted to the 40-50-ton road haulage tractor equipped with a six-cylinder oil engine.

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Apologies of the lengthy experience that is behind the products of the well-known British concern, an interesting function took place in connection with the Associated Equipment Co., Ltd., when the A.E.C. Twenty-One Club was inaugurated.

It is composed of members of the A.E.C. organisation and its associated companies who have completed twenty-one years' service. Many of them have much longer records, of course, and at the meeting Mr. S. W. Goodey, the A.E.C. Publicity Manager, pointed out that if the services of those present were added together it would take them back to the time of the Roman occupation.

Sentence of three months' hard labour, with 20 strokes of the cane, was imposed on an 18-year-old youth, Lo Ching, when he appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday charged with larceny of a pair of earrings from a woman in Queen's Road West. Inspector W. Mair prosecuted.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Dec. 20.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.21 ins.
Temperature, 62 F.
Humidity, 64 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 70 F.
Temperature; minimum last night, 55 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 88.79 ins.
Against an average of 84.73 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.43 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.58 a.m.
4 p.m., December 20.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.09 ins.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 61 per cent.
Wind Direction, ESE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 65 F.
Minimum temperature, 55 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 21 to 27 Dec. 1939

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Thurs. 21	h.m. 03 43	h.m. 10 45	3.2
Fri. 22	05 36	09 46	2.5
Sat. 23	07 07	08 13	2.3
Sun. 24	08 17	07 13	3.4
Mon. 25	09 04	06 04	3.1
Tues. 26	09 55	05 03	2.4
Wed. 27	10 35	04 12	2.3

CORRESPONDENCE
CORRECT ENGLISH

(The Editor, Hongkong
Daily Press)

Sir,—Hongkong is supposed to be a British Colony, and it is therefore with surprise, and, if I may say so without hurting the feelings of our American friends, disgust, that one appears at times to be living in an offshoot of the United States.

On all sides one hears Chinese speaking English with an American words, expressions, and spelling which appears in print.

Advertisements are largely to blame, but I am sorry to see that our daily newspapers, far from being uncorrupt in this respect, (as, being moulders of public opinion, they should be), are themselves almost the worst offenders.

I will name but a few examples, culled from the columns of the Colony's leading journals during the past week or so—"Fiber," "Gasoline," "Flow," and "Billion."

Now, Sir, to write headlines about "Twenty Billion Yen," or dollars, or what-have-you, may make impressive reading, but on delving into the smaller print one discovers that the amount in question is Twenty Thousand Million—what-nots.

It is perfectly true that a billion in America, and, for that matter in France, is a thousand million, but in Great Britain it is a million million, a sum a thousand times as great, and I cannot for the life of me see why we should adopt American, (or even French), standards of notation.

Moreover, it is productive of misunderstanding. If you say 20 thousand million everyone knows what you mean, even though our American visitors may wonder why you don't call it 20 billion; but if you do call it 20 billion one cannot tell whether you mean American or British billions.

I do not want to start a controversy about the relative merits or superiority of British or American spellings, expressions, or notation, but since we are living in a British Colony, may I beg you, Sir, to give the lead in writing the English language in the way which is at present accepted as correct in the home of that language—England?

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
BRITON.

PHILIPPINE
RESIDENTS
WED HERE

Mr. A. J. F. Barretto, a Manila resident and businessman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Barretto, of Singapore, arrived from the south on Tuesday by the Pan American Airways' China Clipper accompanied by his fiancée, Miss Simone Levy, of Manila.

The young couple, who have many friends and relatives in Hongkong, were married yesterday afternoon in the Kowloon Union Church. Mr. J. Barretto, an uncle of the groom, gave the bride away.

Mr. and Mrs. Barretto will spend a week in the Colony and return by Clipper to Manila where they will make their home.

NO EVIDENCE AS
TO CAUSE OF
DEATH

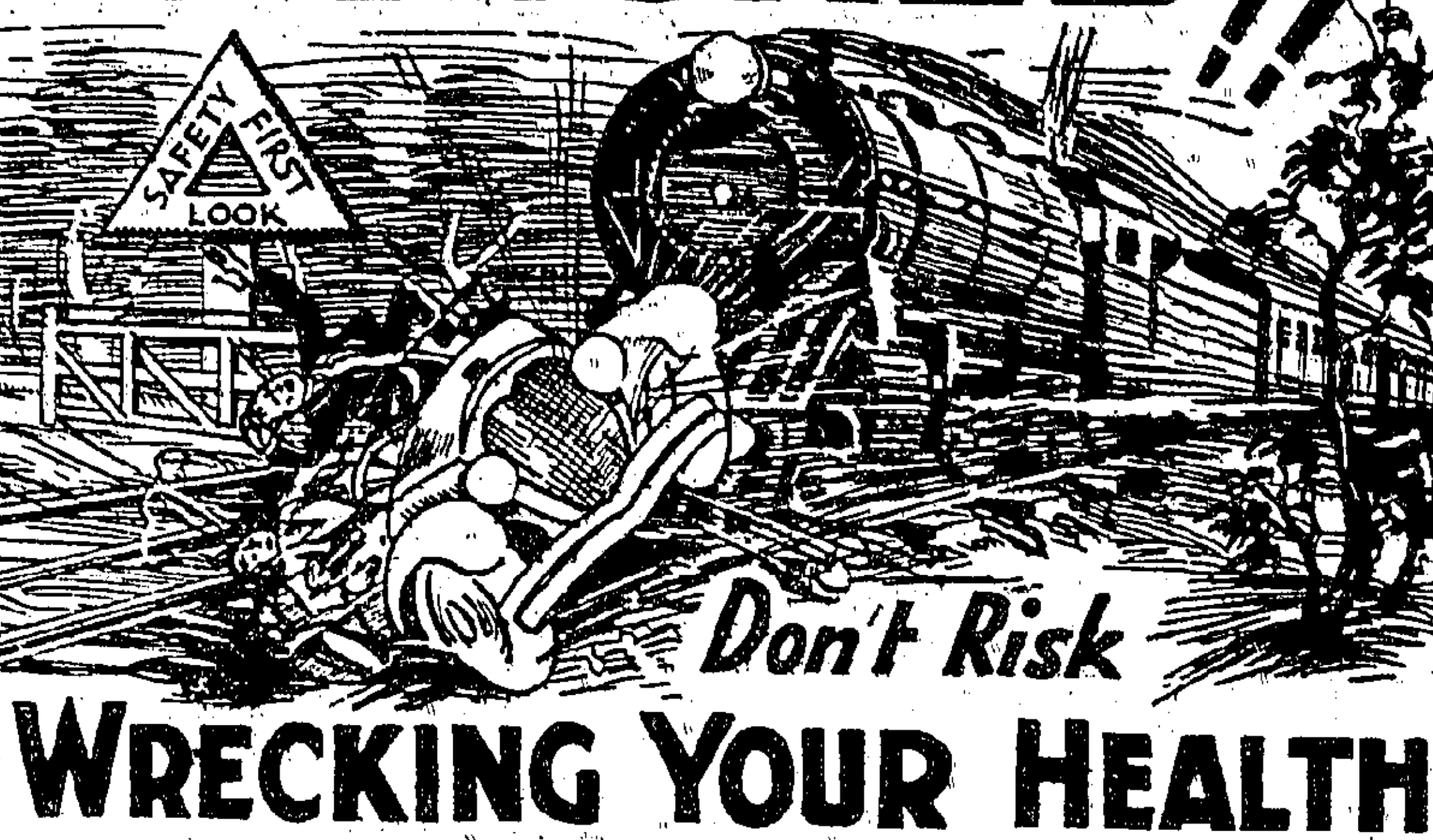
That there was insufficient evidence to show the cause of death was the finding of the Coroner, Mr. E. H. H. Tai, at an inquiry held, at the Kowloon Court yesterday, into the circumstances surrounding the death of Lu Chuk, 30, coolie, whose body was picked up in the East Lamma Channel, on Nov. 7.

Dr. H. H. Tai, of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, stated that it was impossible to ascertain the cause of death, as the body had been so long immersed in the sea. Cheng King-fung, 27, widow of the deceased, said she last saw her husband at 9 a.m. on Nov. 4. He left with a man who had engaged him to carry cargo to the S.S. Helikon.

On the afternoon of the same day, she was informed by her nephew that her husband had been attacked by the ship's crew and thrown overboard.

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Reuters).—A number of French soldiers volunteered on Monday for a special patrol. They penetrated for some miles behind the German lines and brought back a number of prisoners, including two officers.

WRECKED



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Coffee

LUNCHEON

Rice Soup
Red Cabbage Salad
Meat Pie
Baked Squash
Creamed Onions
String Beans
Date Cake
Tea

DINNER

Cream of Pea Soup
Deviled Egg Salad
Grilled Ham
Fried Tomatoes
Mushroom Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Fresh Celery
Apple Pie
Cheese
Coffee

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok.
Denebola—7 a.m.

NORTHBOUND

Thursday: Bangkok, Hanoi.
Hongkong.
Della—4 p.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi.
Hongkong.
Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France.
Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

EASTBOUND

Friday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
Honolulu Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Saturday: Manila, U.S.A.
Honolulu Clipper—6.50 a.m.

Branches of the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association will be established in Kwangsi, Hunan, Chekiang, Shensi and Burma. Preparatory committees have been formed.



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Free Provinces Economically Ahead Of Occupied Ports Of The Coast

Despite adverse circumstances, China's wartime foreign trade has carried on as usual and statistics show that there has not been much decrease from the peacetime figures, declared Mr. Tsou Ping-wen, Director of the Foreign Trade Commission of the Ministry of Finance in a special article on "Two Years of China's Foreign Trade During the War" in the "China Times," Chungking.

During the first year of the war, Mr. Tsou reported, China imported more than \$790,000,000 of goods from foreign countries and exported more than \$670,000,000. Although the 1937-8 imports represented a decrease of approximately \$300,000,000 from the 1936-7 level, the exports showed a decline of only a little over \$70,000,000 during the first year of the war as compared with the year before. The total imports during the second year of the war amounted to more than \$1,160,000,000 while the exports reached more than \$850,000,000, both representing a considerable increase over the 1937-8 levels. The 1938-9 figures, however, indicated a slight increase in imports and a slight decrease in exports as compared with the pre-war statistics, according to Mr. Tsou.

JAPAN FAILS TO PROFIT

Examining the position of the individual countries Mr. Tsou said that despite Japanese efforts to seize resources in the areas which they occupy, China's exports to Japan still fell far behind those to Hongkong and the United States. This showed the strength of exports from interior China either direct to foreign countries or through Hongkong. On the other hand, Japan occupied the first place in China's imports during the two years of the war. This was accomplished only through wholesale monopoly of the North China market and systematic discrimination against British and American trade with China in the controlled areas, said Mr. Tsou.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Market ruled very quiet but steady with business done in Banks at \$1340 and Wharves at \$102

BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$1335.
Union Ins. \$400.
Wharves, \$101.
Star Ferries, \$66.
Yau-mat Ferries, \$23.
China Lights (Old), \$8.10.
China Lights (New), \$5.
Electrics, \$53.
Cements, \$18.
Dairy Farms (Old), \$20.
Dairy Farms (New), \$20.
Entertainments, \$6.50.
Constructions (Old), \$11.

SELLERS

H. & S. Hotels, \$5.15.
Lands, \$34.
Telephones (Old), \$25.
Cements, \$18.
Watsons, \$8.95.

SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1340.
Wharves, \$102.
Docks, \$191/60.
Tramways, \$17.
Entertainments, \$8.

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Docks 200 \$19.50
Providents 250 4.55
Electrics 30 \$3.00

CUBAN SUGAR QUOTAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—White House now reports that President Roosevelt did not sign the restoration of Cuban sugar quotas, but a document restoring the former sugar import duties, though no details are given.

The President's Secretary stated that President Roosevelt made a slip of the tongue when he made an earlier statement at a press conference.

ed favourably on China's war economy.

FAVOURABLE BALANCE

During the second half of 1937 which marked the first six months of the war, China's exports were reported by the customs at more than \$350,000,000 as against a little over \$340,000,000 of imports, resulting in an export excess of more than \$10,000,000. This showed that the early stage of the hostilities had not seriously affected China's exports. The favourable trade balance was something unusual in the nation's recent history.

The trade figures for the first half of 1938 showed a substantial decrease in both imports and exports from those in the corresponding period of 1937. They have also indicated an increase in both exports and imports in the second half of 1938 over the corresponding period of 1937. Imports in the first six months of 1939 were increased to \$720,000,000 while exports jumped slightly to \$850,000,000.

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BRITISH TRADE IN NOVEMBER

Exports Show Huge Increase

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—It is revealed that British overseas trade in November was £32,000,000 higher than in October, which itself showed a substantial increase on September, the month of disorganisation.

SATISFACTORY FEATURE

The total of exports was only £3,250,000 less than November last year.

The most satisfactory feature was that exports showed an increase of £10,000,000 in manufactured articles, as compared with October.

SILVER IMPORTS BY INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—It was announced in a Gazette yesterday that a new rule under the defence of India Act empowers the Government to impose on those authorised to import silver to British India such conditions that it may consider necessary regarding its use and disposal, if the Government considers it expedient. Similar power is conferred on the Reserve Bank of India.

VISIBLE TRADE DECREASE

Imports & Exports For November

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports of merchandise (excluding treasure) as declared during the month of November, 1939, totalled \$88.7 millions (£55.5 millions) as compared with \$95.0 millions (£59.3 millions) in Nov. 1938.

VISIBLE TRADE

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony (excluding treasure) decreased by 6.6 per cent in Nov. 1939 as compared with Nov. 1938; and by 6.8 per cent in terms of sterling.

Imports of merchandise in Nov. 1939 totalled \$48.9 millions (£30.0 millions) as compared with \$53.6 millions (£33.3 millions) in November, 1938, and exports \$39.8 millions (£25.5 millions) as compared with \$41.4 millions (£26.2 millions).

Imports of merchandise in Nov. 1939 decreased by 8.8 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 9.1 per cent in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in Nov. 1939 decreased by 3.9 per cent in terms of local currency, and by 3.8 per cent in terms of sterling.

During the first eleven months of 1939 imports of merchandise

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totalled \$539.4 millions (£33.1 millions) as compared with \$571.7 millions (£35.3 millions) in the corresponding period of 1938; and exports \$488.7 millions (£29.9 millions) as compared with \$478.4 millions (£29.6 millions).

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 20, 1939

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	Credits 4 months' sight 1 3/4
On Shanghai:	On demand 300
On Singapore:	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:	On demand 103 1/2
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 24 7/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/16	On demand 45 1/2
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand 1 90
Credits 4 months' sight 114 1/2	On demand 108 1/2
On Batavia:	On demand 48 7/8
On Bangkok:	On demand 149 1/2
Starling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

The price for Ready Silver rose 1/16 to 23 1/2 yesterday and Forward were 1/8 higher at 23 1/16. Silver advances reported India as having bought. The market was quoted at 24 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 395.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 20 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London	0/4-1/4
New York	8-7/8
Japan	29-1/4
India	23-1/2
Paris	3.11
Hongkong	28-1/4

Sellers

Spot	0/4-3/4	0/4-3/4
Dec.	0/4-3/4	0/4-3/4
Jan.	0/4-3/4	0/4-3/4

U.S. Dollars

Spot	7-13/16	7-11/16
Dec.	7-25/32	7-21/32
Jan.	7-11/16	7-9/16

Market—Uncertain

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-5/8	
U.S. Dollars, 7-5/8	

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d, unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/2 per cent

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 19 (Reuter). Government 3 1/2 Rupee, 87-12-0 nominal.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 19 (Reuter). Silver—India bought. Business small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 23-1/2d.

Forward, 23-11/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 19 (Reuter). Market—Quiet. Offtake 500 bars

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-04

Jan. 6 Settlement 62-08

Feb. 3 Settlement 63-02

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 19 (Reuter). Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 183.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, December 19.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous day	December 19	Change
S P O T	39-3/8	39-5/8	up 1/4
JAN-MARCH	39 cts	39-1/4	up 1/4
APRIL-MARCH	37 cts	37-3/8	up 1/4

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	11-15/16	11-7/8	off 1/16
JAN-MARCH	11-15/16	11-7/8	off 1/16
APRIL-MARCH	11-13/16	11-3/4	off 1/16

After ruling steady, the market became dull in the absence of support.

NEW YORK COTTON:

There was increased hedging and realizing. Trade demand was smaller and outside interest was lacking. Spots were inactive, but prices held steady. Textiles were in good demand at reported concessions, but the mills are holding to the recent price levels.

NEW YORK RUBBER:

There has been some scattered liquidation on this market. The primary markets are firm and shipments are small.

CHICAGO WHEAT:

Prices eased on heavy profit-taking and realizing. Some hedge-selling against Loan repossessions was evident. The mill markets were steady, while there was no change in the unfavourable crop news.

NEW YORK STOCKS:

Previous close, 149.22; Today's close, 148.93; Change, off .29

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

	High	Low	Prev. To-day's	Change
New York Cotton, Mar.	10.86	10.71	10.83	17 off
New York Rubber, Mar.	19.64	19.47	19.55	108 off
Chicago Wheat, May	10.92	10.85	10.9	3 off
Chicago Corn, May	61 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, Mar.	15.85	15.32	15.58	14 off

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	11.08/03	10.90b/11.00a	10.85/86	23 off
March	10.88/90	10.82/81	10.71/72	17 off
May	10.54/54	10.41/40	10.35/35	19 off
July	10.25/26	10.08/07	10.00/05	25 off
July (New contract)	10.44/44	10.28/28	10.25/25	19 off
October ()	9.76/76	9.65/65	9.60/60	16 off
December ()	9.87 N	9.57/57	9.53/53	14 off
Spot	11.33 N		11.14 N	19 off

Note: January cotton, first notice day—28/12/39 last notice day—17/1/40

NEW YORK RUBBER

	December	20.45b/45a	20.35b/40a	10 off
March	19.55/55	19.60/60	19.47/48	08 off
May	19.10b/15a	19.15/21	19.12/14	02 up
July	19.00/00	19.03/05	18.95/95	05 off
September	18.78/78		18.70b/75a	08 off

Note: December rubber, last notice day—27/12/39.

Total sales for the days—1,250 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	December	111 1/4/111 1/4	108 1/4/108 1/4	3 off
May	106 1/4/109	106 1/4/106 1/4	106 1/4/106 1/4	3 off
July	107 1/4/107 1/4	106 1/4/106 1/4	104 1/4/104 1/4	3 off

Monday's sales—55,944,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	December	57 1/2/57 1/2	57 1/2/57 1/2	1 up
May	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2	1 up
July	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2	1 up

WINNEPEG WHEAT

May	18.100/138	19.10/21	19.10/14	.02	up
July	19.00/00	19.03/05	18.95/95	.05	off

NEW YORK HIDES

NOTE: December rubber, last house day:—27/12/55.
Total sales for the days:—1,250 tons.

Foreign Trade Of China

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more than \$410,000,000, resulting in a big import excess of over \$310,000,000 during the period under review. This substantial adverse trade balance was mainly caused by the dumping of Japanese goods in the occupied territories, stated Mr. Tsou.

TRADE BY PORTS

In reviewing the order of importance of the ports of China in wartime foreign trade, Mr. Tsou pointed out that Shanghai, which normally takes approximately 50 per cent of the nation's total international commerce, handled only 38 per cent of the imports and 38 per cent of the exports during the period under review. This indicated the success of the Chinese Government in diverting part of the foreign trade in the territories around Shanghai and the upper Yangtze river to other outlets not subject to Japanese influence.

The increase in the imports through Tientsin by three times their peacetime volume was eloquent of the effect of Japanese dumping

in this northern port, pointed out Mr. Tsou. Tientsin, which had an aggregate of more than \$150,000,000 in import trade in 1936 and 1937, handled over \$480,000,000 in imports alone during the first two years of the war. Exports from Tientsin, however, have not been successful, as the 1937-9 figures showed a \$230,000,000 decrease from 1935-7 figures. Another indication of the inability of the Japanese to utilize the resources in North China to their full advantage is the fact that the export trade of Kiaochoo port represented a more than \$40,000,000 decrease in 1937-9 from the two years before the war.

Of the various customs houses which carried on the wartime foreign trade of China before they fell into Japanese hands, Canton and Kowloon headed the list in the increase of the volume of international commerce. The trade returns of Hankow did not reach impressive figures because merchandise from there was usually imported or exported to or from foreign countries via other ports.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 19
Adams Express	77	
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	
Allied Stores	8 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	39 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	95	
Amerasia Corp.	112	
Amer. Can.	32 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	11	
Amer. & Foreign Power	23 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign P. pl.	38	
American Gas & Elec.	22 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	23 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	94	
Amer. Radiator	16 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	51 1/2	
Amer. S. ting and R. ing Co.	21 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	169 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	84	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	11 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	31	
Anaconda Copper	24	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	21	
Auburn Motors	5 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	14 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	11 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	29 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	82	
Bethlehem Steel	14 1/2	
Silks & Co.	22 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	24	
Borg-Warner	21	
Biggs M'facturing	14 1/2	
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	48 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	42	
Canadian Pacific R'way	71 1/2	
Case, J. I.	29 1/2	
Celanese	39 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	89	
Chrysler Corp.	40	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	82 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	6	
Columbia Gas & El.	85	
Columbia S. "A" pl.	45	
Commercial Credit Co.	14	
Com. & Southern (ord)	29 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	42	
Continental Can	24	
Continental Oil	10 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	62 1/2	
Corn Products	10 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	28 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	23 1/2	
Deere & Co.	18 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	80 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	179 1/2	
Du Pont de Nemours	11 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	29 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	37	
Elec. Autolite	7 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	58 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 45 pf.	67 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 36 pf.	30	
Elec. Power & Light 37 pf.	20 1/2	
Flintkote	55	
Gen. American Trans.	39 1/2	
Gen. Electric	54	
Gen. Motors	18 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	21 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	17	
Golden Co.	19 1/2	
Goodrich (R.F.)	65	
Goodrich 45 pf.	23 1/2	
Goodrich Tire & Co.	17 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	17 1/2	
Great Northern Rly. pld.	28 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	29	
Greyhound Corp.	16 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	38 1/2	
Homesite Mining	52 1/2	
International Harvester	61 1/2	
Int. Nickel	36 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	4	
Johns-Manville	74	
J. & Laughlin Steel 37 pld.	67 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	38 1/2	

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DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939	High	Low	Dow Jones Average	Dec. 18, 1939	High	Low	Close	Change
155.92	151.41	30	Industrial	149.33	149.59	148.35	148.93	.58 off
35.90	34.14	30	Rails	31.33	31.42	31.08	31.13	.05 off
37.07	30.70	30	Utilities	31.96	31.96	31.75	31.82	.07 off
29.32	24.51	40	Bonds	29.28	29.28	29.19	29.19	.09 off
64.67	45.59	11	Commodity Index	64.67	64.67	64.67	64.67	.00

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LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 19 (Reuter).

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buyers sellers

Standard, Cash 257 258

Standard, 3 months 256 256 1/4

Standard, 6 months 257 257 1/2

Straits Settlement Price 257 1/2

Standard, 282 1/2 nominal

This also applies to Chungking, which handles chiefly transshipments of goods to and from abroad. Despite their proximity to the Japanese forces along the coast, the ports of Wenchow and Foochow were able to export commodities worth more than \$10,000,000 from 1937 to 1939. The ports of Lungchow in Kwangsi and Mengtze in Yunnan, which formerly handled little trade for China, have become important centres of foreign trade in the southwest during the war.

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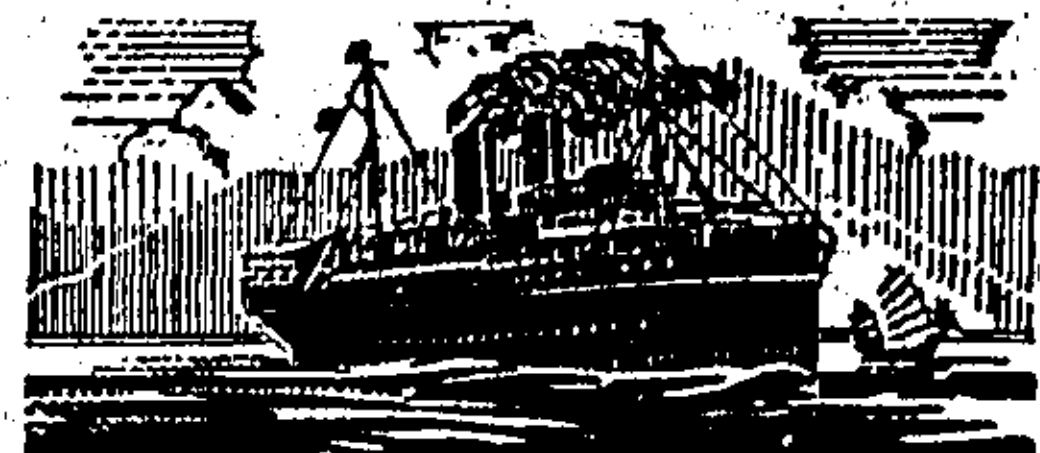
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Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1939. [883]

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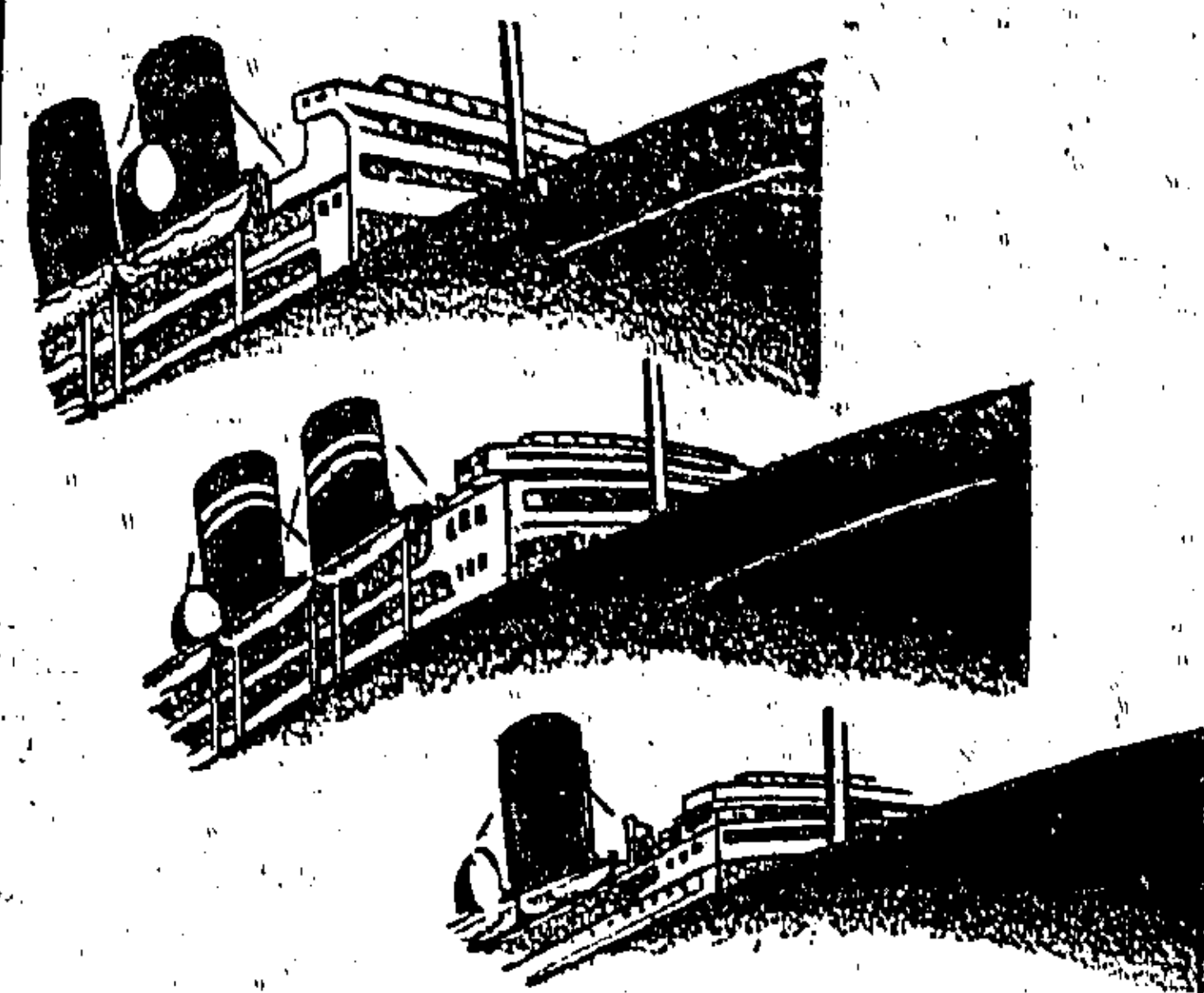
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PREMIER'S HIGH TRIBUTE TO BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE

Care Of War Orphans

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sexes, from infants in arms to children of about 15 or 16. The children came from different parts of the country.

When fighting broke out near the New Territories border in November last year, the Home's accommodation was taxed, and the director refused to accept babies which belonged to refugee mothers whose homes were just across the border.

The babies were eventually admitted, according to the decision of the executive committee.

Early this year, reports of trouble at the Home were current. Some of the older boys rebelled against the teachers. The general discipline of the Home suffered, from that date, several serious fights, there being many instances of conflict both among the children themselves and between the children and the teachers.

SERIOUS INCIDENT

The most serious incident occurred when, after fighting each other, one group of boys persuaded another group to assault some teachers. The plot was, however, discovered, and the intended assault was never committed as the teachers left the Home on the night in question.

Following this, a report was made to the executive committee by one of the teachers, Mr. Cheng Siu-liang, who is at present in Kuning. Mr. Cheng is the grandson of the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow.

The executive committee promptly proceeded to investigate the situation, while Miss Irene Ho Tung resigned. The resignation has never been accepted, and Miss Ho Tung is still nominally director.

Following the incident, about 120 of the older children were sent to the War Orphans Home at Shukwan, Kwangtung.

The Home has since been managed by Miss Yeung Yun-hing, while Mrs. Li Sau-pui, Mrs. Li Tai-chiu, Mrs. Katherine Kan and Mrs. Y. L. Wong, prominent relief workers, were elected to advise on re-organisation.

TROUBLE CONTINUED

Trouble in the institution continued, however, and a staff member, it is learned, was recently asked to resign. The reason for this, it is stated, was because of conduct which tended to upset the discipline of the Home.

Mrs. J. Archbold, a member of the wealthy Rockefeller family, who is at the head of the scientific expedition on the junk, Cheng Ho, upon being asked for support, visited the Home.

After the visit, she decided not to contribute to the funds of the institution, and her reasons were communicated by her by letter to Madame Chiang. These reasons have not been disclosed.

Mrs. Archbold was at first denied admittance to the Home, the reason given being that her visit was made on a Sunday, which, according to the regulations, was a "closed day."

"WENT INCOGNITO"

Following information received, Madame Chiang sent Miss Chen Kel-yin to Hongkong to investigate. Miss Chen went to the Home incognito and was similarly denied admittance until her identity was discovered.

The nature of Miss Chen's report is not known, but it is understood that as a result of her observations, the National Association for the Care of War Orphans at Chungking is considering a scheme whereby the Hongkong Branch may be placed directly under its control and administration.

The parent organisation also desires to effect many reforms in the local institution. Among the proposed changes are, that the finances of the Hongkong Branch should be handled solely by the Chungking head office, whence all money collected is to be sent, and that the director of the Home should be approved by the parent body.

These and other questions will be thrashed out by the Hongkong women at their meeting tomorrow.

ROME, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—

The King and Queen of Italy will make their first visit to Pope Pius XII on Thursday. It is expected that the occasion will be marked by an exchange of addresses between the King and the Pontiff.

CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Mr. Neville Chamberlain paid a high tribute to the B. E. F. in a broadcast yesterday.

He said, inter alia: "I have been impressed by everything I have seen of the troops and their components. When I consider the shortness of the time the force has been in France, the conditions of weather and other difficulties, I am simply amazed at the progress made."

DEFENCE PREPARATIONS

"I must congratulate the Commander-in-Chief upon the way his preparations for defence have been progressing and upon the obvious smartness and efficiency of the troops under his command."

"I have been delighted to hear of the excellent relations existing between the B. E. F. and French inhabitants."

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by saying that he had complete confidence in the ability of the B. E. F. to tackle any task.

Lord Privy Seal Tells Why Empire Is Fighting

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Seal, broadcast to the Empire at 3 p.m. today, and said that if he were asked why the British Empire fought he did not answer as a Minister.

"The answer is not found in Downing Street nor in the Cabinet rooms of the Dominions."

"The motives which led the people to making the decision are those which spring from the belief that the everlasting values and principles, which we cannot put a price on, are in danger. The possibility of a decent, orderly and happy life in the world is being undermined and destroyed."

We wanted peace but not peace which contained the spreading cancer of war nor a peace which meant progressive enslavement, he added.

AIR ATTACKS

It might be queer that the expected air attacks did not come but that suited us well as with every day postponed we are better able to beat them.

Speaking of the R.A.F., Sir Samuel Hoare said: "Our young knights of the air are as brave and skilful as any of the happy warriors we ever produced. We realise that the machines good enough for today are not up to the needs of tomorrow so we intend to keep the lead and win and hold command of the air."

Referring to the glorious memories awakened by the arrival of Canadian troops in Britain, Sir Samuel said: "The man in the street had no warning of the event so his joy and delight and sense of being one mighty brotherhood that spans the continents and bridges the oceans had suddenly swept over him in a triumphant wave of affection and pride."

FRANCE'S MILITARY EXPENDITURE

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Havas)—The Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, yesterday submitted to the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies estimates for military expenditure in the first quarter of 1940.

M. Reynaud said the constantly changing military situation does not allow for definite estimates for the full year.

55,000,000,000 FRANCES

First quarter credits amount to 55,000,000,000 francs, while total credits for 1940 will probably reach the figure of 250,000,000,000 francs.

M. Reynaud pointed out that expenses will be covered by loans as authorised by law, and asked for quick passage of the bill "which marks the nation's determination to carry the war to a victorious conclusion."

S.M.C. REPLIES TO PUPPET MAYOR

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20 (Reuter)—The reply of the Shanghai Municipal Council to the puppet Mayor Fu Siao-en's counter-proposals on the "outside roads" policing question was handed to Fu Siao-en last night when a call was made on him by Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary of the Council.

Commander Neyrone, Italian Consul-General, and senior Consul in Shanghai, and Mr. Y. Miura, Japanese Consul-General, accompanied the officials on their visit to the mayor's residence.

Count Ciano's Speech

ROME, Dec. 20 (Havas)—Press comments on the recent speech by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, give interesting indications of Italy's international position.

The Tribuna says: "Count Ciano's speech stressed two points—the untimeliness of Germany's action from the viewpoint of the mutual Italo-German undertakings, and the intervention of the Soviet, a factor which was brought to Italy's knowledge only on the eve of signature of the Soviet-German pact."

GERMANY'S CONCERN

The Corriere Padano declares: "We consider that Russia's intervention concerns Germany alone, as Count Ciano was not informed up to August 21 of the Russo-German pact."

"Italy, on the other hand, has not deviated from the spirit and letter of the German-Italian pact, providing for consultations."

M'SEX BOXING RESULTS

EASY WIN FOR H.Q. COMPANY

In the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Competition of the Middlesex Regiment held at Nanking Barracks last night the Headquarters Company came out first with 71 points as against the "A" Company's 44, "B" Company's 44, "C" Company's 41 and "D" Company's 32.

FEATHER WEIGHT

1st. Pte. Macey lost to Brs. Bolam and 2nd Pte. Bradford beat L/c Barrett.

BANTAM WEIGHT

Pte. Tait lost to Dmr. Dewbury.

HEAVY WEIGHT

Pte. Bridle beat Pte. Flood.

L/HEAVY

Pte. Revell beat Pte. Webb.

MIDDLE

1st. L/c Wookey lost to Cpl. Manning; 2nd Pte. Marable lost to L/c Wilson and 3rd Pte. Fredman beat Pte. Williams.

WELTER

1st. Pte. Robinson beat L/c Shaw; 2nd Pte. Baker beat Pte. Bridge; 3rd A/Bds. Nix lost to L/c Colebeck and 4th L/c Weaver lost to Pte. Cohen.

LIGHT

1st. Pte. Whitehouse lost to L/c Williams; 2nd Pte. Samuels was absent A/Cpl. Miller W/O and 3rd. Dmr. Grossmith beat Pte. Day.

The following winners of Good Loser's Prizes in previous bouts were awarded Weight—Pte. Claridge, 3rd String, Welter Weight; Pte. Mansfield—3rd String, Welter Weight.

SOVIET-TURKISH RELATIONS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 20 (Havas)—According to press reports, M. Stalin has personally instructed the Foreign Commissariat not to spare efforts to achieve an understanding with Turkey.

Consequently efforts are being made to resume the conversations broken off with the departure of M. Sarajoglu, the departure of M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, from Moscow in October.

A Havas message from Buenos Aires states that the Argentinian Government is to pay 100,000 pesos a month for the salaries of the Graf Spee's officers and crew.

The men are to be interned in a military area.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date, 15th December.	22nd Dec.
Haiphong	22nd Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 22nd November)	22nd Dec.
London and Straits	22nd Dec.
Australia and Manila	22nd Dec.
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Saigon	22nd Dec.
Straits	22nd Dec.
Japan	22nd Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	23rd Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	23rd Dec.
Sandakan	23rd Dec.
Haiphong and Holbow	23rd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November)	23rd Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th Dec.	24th Dec.
Manila	24th Dec.
Shanghai	24th Dec.
Shanghai	24th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	24th Dec.
Japan	24th Dec.
Straits	24th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	24th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Dec.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	24th Dec.
Manila	24th Dec.
Manila	24th Dec.
Straits	24th Dec.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 20th December.	27th Dec.
Haiphong	27th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	27th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	28th Dec.
Shanghai	28th Dec.
Sandakan	28th Dec.
Shanghai	28th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	28th Dec.
Japan	28th Dec.
London and Straits	28th Dec.
Haiphong	28th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B. C., date 16th December)	28th Dec.

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For	Date and Time
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Parcels only for Shanghai and Tientsin	10.30 AM
Amoy and Parcels only for Shanghai	2.30 PM
Parcels only for Shanghai	5.00 PM
Amoy	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 22nd
Amoy	8.30 AM
Saigon	8.30 AM
Dairen	8.30 AM
Shanghai	10.30 AM
K.P.O.	Reg. 2.45 PM
G.P.O.	Ord. 3.30 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th January 1940.	Reg. 2.45 PM
Formosa and Shanghai	Ord. 3.30 PM
Japan	Ord. 4.30 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 23rd
K.P.O.	Reg. 5.00 PM
G.P.O.	Ord. 23rd 5.30 PM
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 29th December.	Reg. 5.00 PM
Shanghai	Ord. 23rd 7.30 AM
Fort Bayard	10.30 AM
Saigon	10.30 AM
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SUNDAY	Sun. 24th
Fort Bayard and Tourane	9.00 AM
Amoy and Shanghai	9.00 AM
Haiphong	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 25th
Haiphong	10.00 AM
TUESDAY	Tue. 26th
Shanghai	8.30 AM
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th January 1940.	Reg. 11.15 AM
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin	Ord. Noon
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